

Development Services

HEDGEROW REMOVAL NOTICE

The Environment Act (1995) The Hedgerows Regulations (1997)

Name:	
Address:	Site Address: (if different)
Tel No..	Grid Reference:

1. I give you notice under Regulation 5(1)(a) of the above Regulations that I propose to remove the [stretch(es) of] hedgerow(s) indicated on the attached plan and listed below. *(If possible, please provide a plan to a scale of 1:2500. A different scale can be used so long as it shows clearly the location and length of the hedgerows that you wish to remove).*

Hedgerow or Hedge Stretch Indicated on Plan	Existing Length (m)	Length to be Removed (m)	Reasons for Removal
1			
2			
3			

2. The reasons why I propose to remove it/them are as given in the table above. *You may attach additional information.*
3. Of the [stretch(es) of] hedgerow(s) indicated, those marked with an "X" were planted less than 30 years ago. Evidence of the date of planting is attached.
4. I am/We are the owner(s) of the freehold of the land concerned.
OR (please delete as appropriate).
I am/We are the tenant(s) of the agricultural holding concerned.
OR (please delete as appropriate)
I am/We are the tenant(s) under the farm business tenancy concerned.
OR (please delete as appropriate)
I am/act for the utility operator concerned.

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(Signature of person giving notice)

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(Date)

Return to: Development Services
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Moorlands House,
Stockwell Street
Leek
Staffordshire Moorlands
ST13 6HQ

For further information telephone Leek (01538) 395788

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is Not Part of the Regulations)

The Hedgerows Regulations make provision for the protection of important hedgerows in England and Wales. To facilitate the protection of those hedgerows, the Regulations apply to a wider class of hedgerows, described in Regulation 3 (in particular to hedgerows which are 20 metres or more long or which meet another hedgerow at each end and which, in each case, are on or adjacent to land used for certain specified purposes).

Before removing any hedgerow, including a stretch of hedgerow, to which these Regulations apply the owner or tenant (or in certain cases a relevant utility operator) must notify the Local Planning Authority (Regulation 5). The hedgerow may then not be removed if the Local Planning Authority serves a Hedgerow Retention Notice, which may be done only if the hedgerow is important according to the criteria set out in Regulation 4 and Schedules 1 to 3. The requirement for the owner or tenant (or utility operator) to notify the Local Planning Authority does not apply to the permitted work described in regulation 6.

There are provisions for criminal offences (Regulation 7), replacement of hedgerows removed in contravention of the Regulations (Regulation 8), appeals against hedgerow retention and other notices (Regulation 9), record-keeping by the Local Planning Authority (Regulation 10), enforcement by injunction (Regulation 11) and rights of entry (Regulations 12 to 14). There are also provisions for hedgerows owned by the Local Planning Authority (Regulation 15) and ecclesiastical property (Regulation 16(1)). Some of these further provisions apply provisions of planning legislation and others make provision comparable to that to be found in the planning legislation in connection with appeals or with the preservation of trees.