



## REMEDIAL NOTICE

Sent to the complainant and every owner and occupier of the land where the hedge is situated

**IMPORTANT – THIS NOTICE AFFECTS THE PROPERTY AT THE BRAMLEY, ST JAMES ROAD, GOFFS OAK, HERTFORDSHIRE, EN7 6TP**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003 REMEDIAL NOTICE ISSUED BY:** Borough of Broxbourne Council (“the Council”)

**1. THE NOTICE** This Notice is issued by the Council under section 69 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 pursuant to a complaint about high hedges situated at The Bramley, St James Road, Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire, EN7 6TP. The Council has decided that the hedges in question are adversely affecting the reasonable enjoyment of the property at 8 Nursery Gardens, Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire, EN7 6RZ and that action should be taken in relation to the hedges with a view to remedying the adverse effect and preventing its recurrence.

### 2. THE HEDGE TO WHICH THE NOTICE RELATES

Hedge A: The hedge in the front garden at The Bramley and marked red and labelled Hedge A on the attached plan. The complaint relates to the whole hedge.

Hedge B: The hedge in the rear garden at The Bramley and marked red and labelled Hedge B on the attached plan. The complaint relates to the whole hedge.

Both hedges are formed predominantly of evergreen Portuguese laurel trees.

### 3. WHAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN IN RELATION TO THE HEDGE

#### Initial Action

The Council requires the following steps to be taken in relation to the hedge before the end of the period specified in paragraph 4 below:

- (i) reduce the hedge to a height not exceeding 3 metres above ground level

#### Preventative Action

Following the end of the period specified in paragraph 4 below, the Council requires the following steps to be taken in relation to the hedge:

- (ii) Maintain the hedge so that at no time does it exceed a height of 3.5 metres above ground level.

#### Informative

It is recommended that, following compliance with step (i) the hedge is cut back annually to a height of 3 metres. This allows room for the hedge to re-grow between annual trimmings and still not exceed a height of 3.5 metres.

All works should be carried out in accordance with good arboricultural practice/BS 3998: 'Recommendations for Tree Work'. It is recommended that skilled contractors are employed to carry out this specialist work. For a list of approved contractors to carry out works on trees and hedges, see the Arboricultural Association's website at [www.trees.org.uk](http://www.trees.org.uk)

In taking the action specified in this Notice, special care should be taken not to disturb wild animals that are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This includes birds and bats that nest or roost in trees.

#### **4. TIME FOR COMPLIANCE**

The initial action set out at step (i) as specified in paragraph 3 above to be complied with in full within 6 months of the date specified in paragraph 5 of this Notice.

#### **5. WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT**

This Notice takes effect on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **6. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE**

Failure by any person who, at the relevant time, is an owner or occupier of the land where the hedge specified in paragraph 2 above is situated:

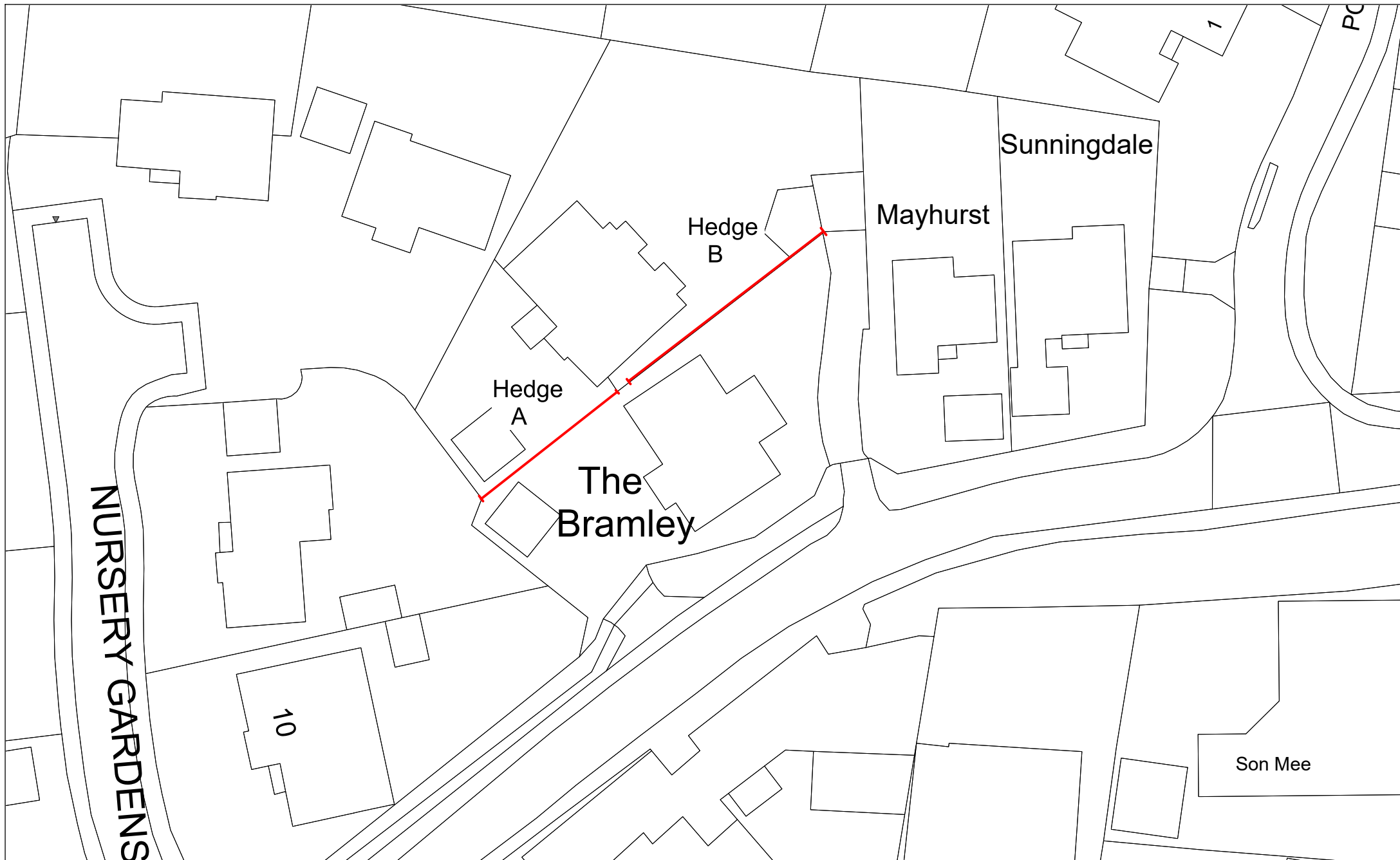
- a. to take action in accordance with step (i) specified in paragraph 3 above within the period specified in paragraph 4; **or**
- b. to take action in accordance with step (ii) specified in paragraph 3 above by any time stated there;

may result in prosecution in the Magistrates Court with a fine of up to £1,000. The Council also has power, in these circumstances, to enter the land where the hedge is situated and carry out the specified works. The Council may use these powers whether or not a prosecution is brought. The costs of such works will be recovered from the owner or occupier of the land.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Signed:

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High Hedge Remedial Notice - ENF/23/0069  
The Bramley, St James Road, Goffs Oak

S.Bates / L.White Scale: 1: 0,500

Date: 20 September 2023

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