

From: Welsh Government
Sent: 14 April 2016 11:46
To: Welsh Government
Subject: RE: ADVICE - EH-01392-16 - Dr Lyn Griffiths - A483 Heol Cennen, Ffairfach road safety - draft reply - 15-04-16 (A13785335)

As discussed yesterday I have asked SWTRA to provide up to date photos of the hedge in question. I attach these in the enclosed email and you will note that the hedge does not impact on the highway.

From: Welsh Government
Sent: 13 April 2016 14:06
To: Welsh Government
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I don't know whether anyone from SWTRA has carried out any 'survey' of this hedgerow, but all it probably requires is a cursory view to see whether the hedgerow needs cutting back. Potentially, if you are looking to provide unobstructed visibility, the hedgerow would need to be removed fully, but this would not be popular and could set a major precedent for the rest of the TR network, where visibility from driveways is sub-standard.

I did find it a little unusual that Dr Griffiths had contacted SWTRA in the first instance rather than talk to the neighbours that live in nos. 103 and 105. However, I received correspondence later in the year from the resident of no. 105, who was complaining about a traffic mirror that they believe had illegally been erected in the highway verge by one of their neighbours, so I assume that their relationship isn't the best.

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Thanks

Whilst I'm happy with the draft as it is (relating to encroachment) I do need to step back from this one as it's a network delivery issue and because of most recent email stating that there's already been some inspection/assessment carried out by SWTRA + it's crossing back into a definite road safety issue which is definitely not my area of expertise.

Not sure who's area, but [redacted] probably needs to follow up with the Agents in terms of what's happened and how this is being taken forward so the draft can be a fuller reply

Sorry I can't be of more help on this one.

From: Welsh Government
Sent: 12 April 2016 14:32
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Subject: RE: ADVICE - EH-01392-16 - Dr Lyn Griffiths - A483 Heol Cennen, Ffairfach road safety - draft reply - 15-04-16 (A13785335)

Thanks for the below, I've drafted something using previous lines of people not keeping control of their hedges.

And just to be awkward, Dr Griffiths has sent in another email which is attached in the ishare link at 'original 3'. It suggests that previous surveys have taken place – any ideas anyone?

SWTRA have said they were trying to contact you to discuss this?

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I don't recall original in 2014.

However, normal course of action would be for SWTRA to assess and deal with. There's every chance that there's some history built up at this particular location (as with other locations on the network where private hedges are involved), and it has been dealt with before. Even if there's no history as such, the course of action would be -

Assess obstruction hedge is causing - action needed?

likely to worsen.

No - Monitor if problem

Yes - assess

environmental implications / timing > Notify hedge owner of obstruction and ask to rectify taking into account any environmental considerations if possible (i.e. avoid bird nesting season but not at the expense of dealing with an immediate / urgent safety issue) > monitor > landowner takes action? (issue closes) > landowner doesn't take action? - escalate depending upon urgency > notify landowner again or take steps to mitigate under Highways Act powers > recoup costs from landowner.

-----Original Message-----
From: Welsh Government

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Not sure on the area but sounds like it could be a private matter given the hedge is not owned by us. It could be a safety matter if it is growing too big under the highways act I imagine we have some form of power to ensure that visibility is not compromised or depending on the overhang cut back as long as we leave the branches/clippings with the owner.

[Redacted], you come across one of these previously?

[Redacted], You aware of the area and what SWTRA may have said?

-----Original Message-----

From: Welsh Government
Sent: 11 April 2016 08:19
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Hi nothing from me - 20mph isn't relevant. Sounds like we should be getting someone to cut the hedge?

-----Original Message-----

From: Welsh Government
Sent: 06 April 2016 14:38
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Apologies first for emailing so many but some are out of the office so I'm hoping somebody can have a look at this one!

I have gone back to SWTRA to see if they did anything with the original email back in October 2014. I can't see that Dr Griffiths has contacted us previously.

Had a look on google street and I can't see what the problem is? Plus, if the hedges are part of the properties on that side of the road am I right in thinking that they are the responsibility of the land owner and not us.

On the safety review site it says about works for the 20mph near the schools but I wasn't sure if something was being done about this specific section?