



**HEDGEROW REMOVAL NOTICE**  
**The Environment Act 1995**  
**The Hedgerow Regulations 1997**

North Devon District Council  
 Planning Unit, Civic Centre, Barnstaple, EX31 1EA  
 Tel: 01271 388288 Fax: 01271 388293  
 Email: planning @northdevon.gov.uk

Please submit three copies of this form together with three copies of a plan to a scale of 1:2500 or larger. The plan should clearly identify the location and length of the hedgerow(s) that you wish to remove. Both the forms and the plans should be sent to the above address.

<p><b>1a. Name and Address of Applicant</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... <b>Post Code:</b>.....</p> <p><b>Tel No:</b>.....</p>	<p><b>1b . Name and Address of Agent</b> (if applicable) (To whom all correspondence will be sent)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... <b>Post Code:</b> .....</p> <p><b>Tel No:</b>.....</p>
---	---

**2. Location of hedgerow(s):**

.....

**3. Please state as fully as possible the applicant's reason for the proposed hedgerow removal:**

.....

**4. Declaration:**

I/We\* give notice under Regulation 5(1)(a) of the above Regulations that I/We propose to remove the [stretch(es)\* of] hedgerow(s)\* indicated on the attached plan. *(Please provide a plan to a scale of 1:2500. A different scale can be used so long as it the scale is stated on the plan and clearly shows the location and length of the hedgerow(s) you wish to remove.*

Of the [stretch(es)\* of] hedgerows(s)\* indicated, those marked with an "X" were planted less than 30 years ago. Evidence of the date of planting is attached.

I/We\* confirm my/our\* interest in the above named land is as owner/tenant/other (please state)\*

.....

I/We\* declare to the best of my/our knowledge, all the information contained in this application and on the submitted plans is correct.

Signed ..... On behalf of (Agents only)..... Date.....

\*Please delete as appropriate

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(Accompanying, but not forming part of, the regulations)

These 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 specific purposes).

Before removing any hedgerow, including a stretch of hedgerow, to which these regulations apply the owner (or in certain cases a relevant utility operator) must notify the Local Planning Authority (regulation 5). The hedgerow may not then 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 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 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.