



# PLANNING

The Environment Act 1995

The Hedgerows Regulations 1997

## HEDGEROW RETENTION NOTICE

To: Wilcon Development Group Ltd

Address: PO Box 39  
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Tenter Road  
NORTHAMPTON

Agent: Mr A Fantham, 4A Birch Road, Northchurch, Herts HP4 3SQ

1. On 5 January 1998, you gave notice under Regulation 5(1)(a) of the above Regulations that you proposed to remove a stretch or stretches of hedgerow as indicated on the plan attached to your notice.
2. The Dacorum Borough Council now gives you notice under Regulation 5(2) of the above Regulations that the following work involving the removal of the stretch or stretches of hedgerow specified in your notice may not be carried out, namely:  
  
the removal of the stretch of hedgerow shown on the plan accompanying the notice dated 5 January 1998.
3. The criteria which apply to the stretch or stretches of hedgerow to which this notice relates are as follows:  
  
The hedgerow, which is more than thirty years old, is part of a field system pre-dating the Inclosure Acts [Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 5(a)].
4. You have a right of appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment against this notice. Details are given in the notes overleaf.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: ✓ Director of Planning

Date: 4 February 1998

Reference: 4/1971/97HRN

## APPEALS AGAINST A HEDGEROW RETENTION NOTICE

1. A person who is given a Hedgerow Retention Notice may appeal against it by giving notice to the Secretary of State for the Environment, within 28 days of the date on which the Notice was given, or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow.
2. The notice of appeal must state the grounds on which the appeal is made, and a copy of the notice must be given to the Borough Council.
3. The Secretary of State may allow or dismiss the appeal, either in whole or in part. He may also give any directions that may be necessary to give effect to his decision, including directions for quashing or modifying the Notice.
4. Before deciding an appeal, the Secretary of State must afford both the appellant and the Borough Council an opportunity of a local inquiry or hearing before an Inspector. S250(2) - (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (Local inquiries: evidence and costs) will apply to any local inquiry.
5. More details about the appeal process are given in "The Hedgerows Regulations 1997: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice" [Department of the Environment 1997].