**ATTN Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, TD**

**Reference - Item No. 50051**

**7th October 2016**

Dear Minister,

The Land Use Planning & Transportation, co-ordinated by South Dublin County Council, meet every 3 months. At their last meeting which took place on Thursday 29th September 2016 the following was agreed by the members:-

“That the Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC meeting on 29th September 2016 agreed to write to the Minister for Justice & Equality to ask her to examine the introduction of legislation in Ireland similar the United Kingdom’s ‘Trees and High Hedges Act 2005’ so as to provide a mechanism for dealing with problems with high hedges and trees on neighbouring properties.”

Your early response, which will be circulated to all the members of the SPC, would be appreciated.

***Regards,***

***Barbara Reilly***

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