

**theguardian**

# Peer faces asbo threat in row over leylandii hedge

**Steven Morris**

The Guardian, Monday 8 September 2008

A peer could find himself facing magistrates under asbo legislation after allegedly failing to keep his leylandii hedge under control.

There has been a long-running dispute between Lord Rodley, who lives at Tudor Manor in Twyning, near Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, and his neighbours, Brian and Kay Singleton, over the hedge.

The Singletons claim they are forced to keep the lights on in their home all day and say the hedge is ruining their flower beds and turning their lawn to moss. Mr Singleton also says the lack of light has caused him to suffer from seasonal affective disorder.

The case is to be considered by Tewkesbury council's planning committee tomorrow. In a report, planning officials say Lord and Lady Rodley's home is subject to a remedial notice under the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 that requires them to initially reduce part of the hedge to three metres (10ft) high and then not let it grow higher than 3.82 metres.

The report says this has not been done and suggests that court proceedings be launched to enforce the remedial notice.

Singleton, 73, said: "Living in the shadow of that hedge has been a total nightmare. "It's enormous and blocks all the sunlight from our garden and home. We've tried everything to get him to cut it down a bit but he's continued to ignore us.

"I've had enough. It's time the authorities clamped down on this kind of antisocial behaviour."

Rodley's solicitor, David Golden, said his client was not fit to comment, having recently spent time in hospital suffering with chest pains. Golden said Rodley would contest the case if it went to court, adding: "My instructions are that he's complied with the council's requirements."

## **Ads by Google**

### Inflation Is Coming

The World's Financial System Is Crumbling. Here's The Worst-Case.

[www.ifii.com/Hyperinflation](http://www.ifii.com/Hyperinflation)

### Netherlands Immigration

Work & Residence Permits Dutch Immigration in Plain English

[www.expatlaw.nl](http://www.expatlaw.nl)

### Death With Dignity Book

Winner Of Kirkus Star Review. Book \$14.95; Ebook Only \$0.99. Buy Now!

[www.deathwithdignitybook.com](http://www.deathwithdignitybook.com)

© 2012 Guardian News and Media Limited or its affiliated companies. All rights reserved.

