

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**BOUNDARY HEDGEROWS POLICY**  
**ADOPTED 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

Braunstone Town Council has in the past received requests from local householders (whose property adjoins Town Council owned land) to assist them in maintaining their side of the common boundary hedgerow.

The Council has previously declined to accept any liability for the maintenance of hedgerows on the private occupier's side of the boundary.

The Policy was, however, reviewed on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and it has been decided that, in future, the Council will consider applications for assistance from the adjacent owner/occupier subject to the following conditions:-

- i) The owner/occupier agreeing to meet one third of the total cost,
- ii) The applicant must be a single pensioner, or pensioner couple.  
AND  
The applicant must provide evidence that they are in receipt of Council Tax Benefit or Disability Allowance.

NOTE: The above Policy is only applicable to requests from local residents to assist in maintaining their side of a boundary hedgerow which lies directly adjacent to Braunstone Town Council owned land.

The Town Council does, however, fully accept any responsibility it may have under the High Hedges and Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003. This Law applies to evergreen or semi-evergreen trees or shrubs over a height of two metres which form a hedge. For the purposes of the Act, a hedge consists of a line of two or more trees or shrubs. It does not cover single or deciduous trees. The High Hedge legislation takes precedence over Tree Preservation Orders.