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To: Nature Conservation

Subject: Hedge cutting

In answer to your request for submissions about the possible change in dates for permitted hedge cutting, I would be totally against it! I personally don't think the ban on cutting is long enough. I'm a keen birdwatcher and participate in the yearly Birdwatch Ireland garden survey. The numbers are dropping, and rapidly! Even the most common species are struggling to survive. In the two severe winters, we had over 50+ house sparrows coming to the feeders, this winter, so far, the highest count has been 24. I implore you to leave the permissible cutting times alone!

Thank you for your time,

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