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Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to encourage that hedge cutting would be permitted the whole year round as the restrictions at the moment are causing great difficulties for road users of all kinds .
The notion that birds and wildlife stay in ditches so close to busy roads in our experience is ridiculous as they would be blown by the wind effect off Lorrys etc.

In the busiest period in the summer hedge cutting is not allowed, this is having a big effect on tourism which is one of our prime activities here in Kerry, roads are unsightly and untidy looking , some roads have become so closed in summer time when growth is most prominent that we have delivery Lorrys , school buses and creamery Lorrys refusing to carry out their work on certain roads as it is impossible to avoid damaging them.

It is also becoming so serious with strong branches over head that no ordinary land owner can rectify this and we be leave it necessary for the department and councils to carry out this work in safe manner as Eircom and the Esb do to protect their lines, councils should do likewise to protect their roads .

Burning of lands is also causing great difficulty for farmers and the time for this should be extended extensively as the farmer knows better than anyone the right time for burning these lands and is under pressure to keep scrub at bay ensure they are not cut in their payments,

It is of extreme importance that both these issues would be tackled urgently to help the county of Kerry and the people living and visiting here.

Regards
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