

## 58786 High Hedges Act

How many high hedge notices/orders have been issued by the local authority in each financial year (up to and including 31 March 2025), with a breakdown by year, since the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 came into effect on 1 April 2014?

2014 - 5

2015 - 0

2016 - 2

2017 - 4

2018 – 2

2019 – 0

2020 - 0

2021 – 1

2022 – 0

2023 - 0

2024 - 1

In each of the last five financial years (up to and including 31 March 2025), with a breakdown by year, please can you tell me:

The number of applications made under Section 2 of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013.

2020/21 - 3

2021/22 - 2

2022/23 - 3

2023/24 - 9

2024/25 - 3

The number of these applications that the council decided action should be taken and, separately, that action should not be taken.

For this question, we have interpreted “action should be taken” to mean that a high hedge notice is served requiring reduction of the hedge, and “action should not be taken” to mean that the case was registered as valid and complete, the hedge was assessed, and a high hedge notice was not served.

20/21 - 2 cases assessed and refused, 1 high hedge notice served

21/22 - 1 case assessed and refused, 0 high hedge notices served

22/23 - 2 cases assessed and refused, 0 high hedge notices served

23/24 - 1 case assessed and refused, 0 high hedge notices served

24/25 - 0 cases assessed and refused, 1 high hedge notice served

The number of appeals made under Section 12, broken down into successful and unsuccessful appeals.

2020/21 - 3 (1 upheld, 2 dismissed)

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 1 (upheld)

2023/24 - 0

2024/25 - 1 (upheld)

The number of times where the local authority took enforcement action under Section 22.

None.

The number of applications for warrant made in terms of Section 23, broken down into successful and unsuccessful applications.

None.