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We have lived in our house for about 30 years. It's a detached house (no 37) with access at the front and rear. There's a small front garden with space to park one car at the front. There's a large garden at the rear and beyond the garden a shared private access to the rear of all the houses on our side of the street, where there's more room to park. In our case there's also a hardstanding which is in our ownership just beyond our lawn and we tend to park there and not at the front or on the access way. As time has gone by and with more cars owned by neighbours the space is getting cramped and parking can be an issue for some of the occupiers causing some heated exchanges. Until recently we never had any problems with our neighbours. Then our neighbour of 25years sold her house (no 39) and a new family moved in. Mr and Mrs M have a building company which they run from the house. It has a large enclosed area the other side of the accessway which is a bit of an eyesore and which we hid by a hedge. It can't be seen from our ground floor or garden. They have employees and their vehicles and deliveries coming and going all through the day causing lots of problems with the other owners. At the beginning of the year Mr and Mrs M made a planning application to extend no 39 increasing its size quite considerably. It will have a detrimental effect on our house and we will lose privacy which we are used to in our back garden. We have opposed the application and since then Mr and Mrs M have been aggressive when we've seen them.

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We did all we could to oppose the planning application including attending a planning meeting at the local council offices. 5 other residents also opposed the application. Nonetheless we have heard today that permission has been granted. The work is supposed to take around 3months.

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Over the past few weeks we've had discussions with Mr M about when the work will start, practical issues like scaffolding which will have to be on our land whilst work is done to the side wall of their house and when the work will be done eg whether they will be working at weekends and how late into the evenings. We've tried to be reasonable to accommodate the work being finished quickly. If they start soon the work should be finished well before Christmas. The discussions have not been easy because Mr M tends to just tell us what will happen rather than try to be conciliatory. He's mentioned several times that if we hadn't opposed his application the work would have been done by now.

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It's Christmas Eve and although the work started in early September it's still far from finished. The scaffolding and plastic sheeting has been up since the first week of September. I've attached 3 photos (one from the front and two from the back) showing that the scaffolding encroaches on our land quite a distance and it's making the use of the path down the side of our house very difficult. We bought a sofa for Christmas but the delivery men couldn't get it in the house because of the scaffolding posts obstructing access. It's had to be returned to the shop. We've had several discussions with both Mr and Mrs M when they've been offhand, unhelpful and rude. They can't see how it's affecting us and think we are a couple of interfering fuss pots. On the last occasion (today) they said it was costing more then they thought and so the work will get done as money becomes available. Mr M said "We'll be lucky if it's done by the end of next year".

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We had been worrying all over Christmas and the New Year about what Mr M had said about the work going on all through this year. During January nothing at all seems to have been done so far and so we went round to see Mr and Mrs M. in the hope we could discuss things reasonably. I said my wife was getting stressed and ill with worry and couldn't face all the uncertainty about when the work would be finished and the scaffolding gone. Mr and Mrs M were very insensitive saying they couldn't tell us when it would be finished and my wife "should get over it". Mr M was mocking her. Nothing we said had any impact and they became more and more aggressive and intimidating. We therefore left. I didn't tell them but my wife has been so ill she's been on medication for depression caused by all the anxiety. Today's meeting has made her worse and she's had a panic attack.

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I arrived home from work to find my wife in a terrible state crying uncontrollably. She'd been out all day and come home at around 4 to find a neighbour waiting for her. He told her that Mr M had been in our back garden cutting our hedge that obscures our view of the car park owned by him and his wife, which is an eyesore. He'd taken a couple of photos which he sent her and which are attached here. The photos clearly show Mr M and the hedge before and after he'd cut it. We now have clear sight of the car park and outbuildings which we have always made

sure is hidden from us when we sit out in the garden. We no longer have any privacy in our back garden and anyone going along the back accessway can see us. My wife is distraught and there's no reason it's been done other than out of malice. My wife recalls telling Mrs M when she first moved in that the garden was her favourite place where she could sit and relax and not be overlooked.

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I went to see Mr M to ask why he'd cut our hedge. At first he denied it but when I said a neighbour had taken photos of him he looked surprised and backtracked. He said he'd been cutting his own hedges and he'd done ours out of "neighbourliness". He said it needed cutting and he was just trying to be helpful. He added "What's the problem". He was smiling and laughing as he spoke to me. I could hear Mrs M laughing in the kitchen. When I got back to my house I checked if Mr M's hedges had been cut but they hadn't.