



High Hedges workshop 8 February 2027

A Practical Workshop for Local Planning Authority Officers

Delivery: Live online via Microsoft Teams

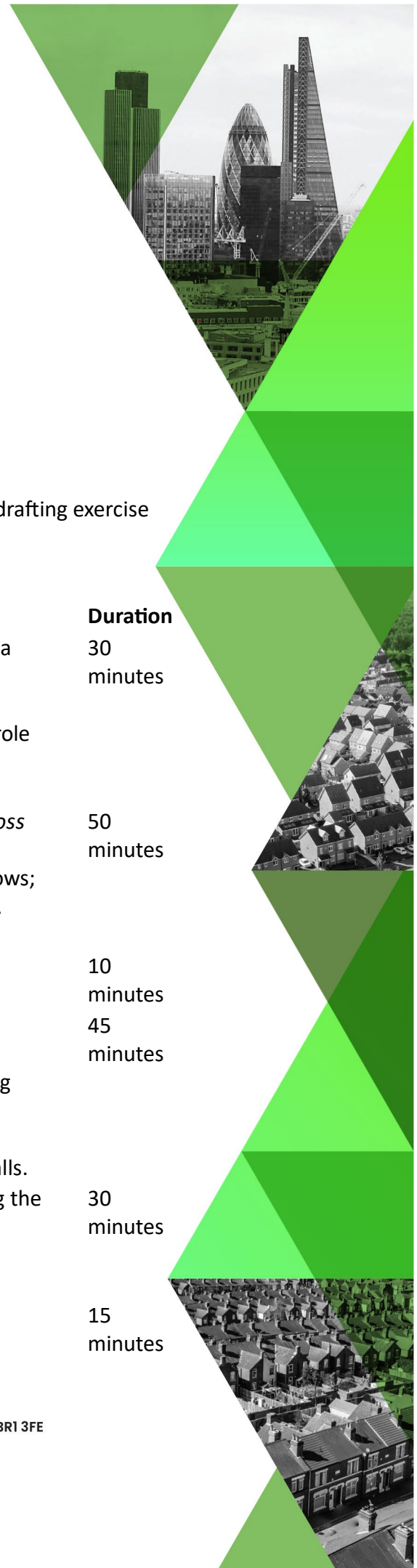
Suggested duration: Three hours, including a short break

Format: Interactive training with worked examples, a notice drafting exercise and opportunities for questions throughout.

Session	Content	Duration
Introduction and definitions	The legal framework; what constitutes a high hedge; qualifying complaints; assessing the effect on reasonable enjoyment of a property; the officer's role in investigating and determining complaints.	30 minutes
Calculating the action hedge height	Applying the <i>Hedge Height and Light Loss</i> guidance; gathering measurements; assessing effects on gardens and windows; dealing with changes in ground level. A worked calculation exercise.	50 minutes
Break		10 minutes
Remedial notices	Translating the assessment into clear, workable requirements; compliance periods; staged cuts; allowing a growing margin; initial reduction and ongoing maintenance. A practical exercise identifying and correcting drafting pitfalls.	45 minutes
Appeals	Appeal rights and procedure; preparing the authority's evidence and explaining its decision; responding to challenges to calculations and notice requirements.	30 minutes
Questions and discussion	Practical difficulties and key learning points.	15 minutes

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Learning outcomes: Officers will gain confidence in assessing high hedge complaints, calculating action hedge heights, drafting remedial notices and preparing for appeals.

The calculation session would use the Government's published *Hedge Height and Light Loss* guidance.

Cost: **£ 150** plus VAT per delegate

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Course runs from **9:00am** to **12:00pm**

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