impede /ɪmˈpiːd/ verb

to make it difficult for someone or something to move forward or make progress

***Trial and Error*:**

**QUENTIN MCDERMOTT: Gordon Wood's lawyer, Tim Game argued that without the bush impeding her run-up, Caroline Byrne could have run five metres and jumped to her death from the ledge.**

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