

**From:**

**Sent:** 14 May 2024 22:02

**To:** Nick Bell

**Subject:** Comment on application 2024/1597/T (Gardnor House Holm Oak)

Dear Nick,

*I write in response to application 2024/1597/T. I have concerns that the requested 2m prune will compromise the symmetry, balance and stability of this tree. The tree is of major landscape value to occupants of the five roads coalescing at its location, and to Hampstead more broadly.*

*As a separate point, even a 2m prune will not solve the problem that the applicant describes themselves as facing. The tree's canopy will still overhang the balcony and pigeons (and many other species) will still use it as a home.*

*On the basis of both compromise to the tree, and lack of evidence for benefit, I do not think this pruning proposal should proceed. However, I suggest the involvement of Vicki Harding, Tree Officer for the Heath & Hampstead Society. Vicki is a sensible, measured and immensely knowledgeable individual who could provide useful insight here. I have highlighted the application to Vicki.*