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Sent: 01 December 2024 22:36
To: Planning
Subject: Tree Works Ref 2024/4952/T

Hello,

We are writing regarding Ref 2024/4952/T. We understand the applicant's desire for more sun in the garden and do not disagree with the proposed tree trimming. However, we were hoping to see the Holly tree (T2) trimmed rather than felled, if at all possible.

Holly trees are valuable to wildlife; they provide nectar and pollen for pollinators, while the berries provide an important food source for birds in the winter. We also enjoy seeing it from our windows and it provides privacy from the neighbouring flats.

Is there any way to trim the tree in an aesthetic way that would meet the applicant's need for increased sunlight while still preserving the tree? These trees can live up to 300 years, so we would like to see it conserved if feasible. We would be happy to assist the applicant with tree care/maintenance if that is helpful (e.g. raking up leaves in the spring).

We understand this is the applicant's tree and yard—we just wanted to share our thoughts since we were given the opportunity. We respect whatever decision is ultimately made.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jean and Patrick