

Dear Tree Team,

Have all the alternatives to felling these two wonderful poplars been explored?

They would be a very sad loss, both in themselves – they perform a great practical service in muffling noise from cars going up and down the hill, as well, of course, as being beguilingly beautiful - and in addition to all the other trees that have been lost in and around West Hill Court in the recent past. Couldn't the ingenuity of your tree surgeons find ways to recalibrate the weight of the poplars - by thinning the canopy, for instance - so that their roots could be cut back enough to repair the tarmac without them listing too much? It would be incredibly appreciated if you could come up with a solution that would spare the trees, and I think it would be an inspiring example of forward-thinking conservation.

Your sincerely, William Hobson Flat 32 West Hill Court N6 6JJ