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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the application to fell the ash tree at 17 South Hill Park Gardens.

This is a very fine specimen of an ash, a tree that is in danger of going extinct as disease (ash-die-back) moves across the country. It is a precious thing.

There is no doubt that the tree's crown is too big and that it needs to be reduced by 30-50%. It hasn't been pruned for almost 2 decades. The tree surgeon made it clear that the tree is strong enough to sustain a reduced crown.

There is no need to fell this beautiful tree entirely. It simply needs to be properly cared for.

I would ask you to please carefully review your decision in this case.

Yours sincerely,

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