

On May 20, 2020, at 3:24 AM, Nancy Mayo wrote:
Dear Mr. Bell and Mr. Little,

I should like to object to the plan to pollard the bay tree from a height of 9 metres to just 2.5 to 3 metres. The bay tree provides an important privacy / amenity screen between 10 Hollycroft Avenue and the three flats at 12 Hollycroft. It is also helpful for shading and cooling to the west-south-west facing living rooms at both 12 and 10 Hollycroft. In addition, it provides a pleasing, green outlook and reduces noise transmission.

The tree is visible from the street through the gap between 10 and 12 Hollycroft Avenue and, as such, is important to the character of the Conservation Area. The land slopes steeply downwards from the street and, in pollarding the bay to just 28% of its current height, the tree stump would be barely visible. Its cooling, air filtering and biodiversity-supporting properties would also be lost.

I would suggest that, as previously consented, a height reduction of 2.5 to 3 metres would be more appropriate.

It should also be noted that the tree is currently home to nesting birds (as it is every year) and no work should be undertaken during the nesting season.

Kind regards,

Nancy Mayo