



# *The Heath & Hampstead Society*

The Society examines all Notices of Intent for tree work relating to Hampstead and Hampstead Heath Fringes, and assesses them for their impact on the Conservation Areas, the local environment and building stability.

**To London Borough of Camden, Tree Preservation Team**

**Planning Ref:** 2021/5767/T  
**Address:** 22 Frognal Way NW3  
**Case Officer:** Tree Team  
**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**T1 Lime - Crown reduce by approximately 4m back to previous pruning points and remove deadwood >30mm.**

While not objecting to this NOI, I am nevertheless making the following comments:

The lime tree is now leggy and with some deadwood, possibly contributed to by poor responses to past pruning. Removing the larger deadwood and taking the tree back to past pruning points is appropriate due to having pollarded it in the past: new growth has weaker attachment than original growth.

However it is not appropriate to reduce the tree to reduce shading (the tree is to the north of the house in any case) certainly not to reduce leaf litter, and not to 'reduce end weight loading on re-growth points' at this stage and time. The growth is entirely vertical so there is very little end weight which doesn't need reducing more frequently than every 8-10 years unless the tree's decline speeds up, in which case it may require more extensive reduction.

Once this work is done, savings in less frequent tree surgery costs could be put towards leaf raking-up and removal.

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