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For the attention of Tom Little and/or Nick Bell

I am writing to give my full support for the crown reduction by 3 metres of the Holm Oak in the front garden of 104 Haverstock Hill.

The tree was given a similar approval for a 3 metre crown reduction back in 2011 (Application 2461) on the grounds that the tree roots causing subsidence to the house portico. Further 30% crown reductions were approved in 2013 (Application 2697) and 2018 (Application 5460).

It is now 5 years since the last 30% crown reduction and the tree canopy is now larger than I can recall at any time during my 36 years' residency at 104 Haverstock Hill. The effect of the the tree roots (particularly those of the oak family) on clay shrinkage was exacerbated by the severe drought last summer and evidenced by the appearance of new cracks in the portico structure. These are shown in the Arboricultural Appraisal Report attached to the current application.

Another possible risk is that with the tree at its present size combined with the fact that it leans over the public highway there is a possibility that a strong storm could bring it down onto the street. Although the adjoining street retaining wall was rebuilt to a highly engineered standard in 2018 to prevent its own collapse the very stability of this wall could provide a fulcrum effect to any potential collapse of the tree.

For all the above reasons I am sure that a 30% crown reduction as soon as possible would be in everybody's best interest.

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