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(T1) - Lime: Proposing to fell to ground level because the tree is leaning heavily towards the buildings. The neighbours have also recently installed an outdoor office directly underneath the tree, which will be used daily. There is a cavity in the main stem at approximately 4m, just below historical pollard points. Paving has also been laid up to the base of the tree which will begin to cause damage to the tree.

This is a handsome, mature tree which presumably dates from the building of the parade in Archway Road and the flats in Hillside Gardens. It makes a major contribution to the service pathway for Hillside Gardens and Archway Road which is accessible to the public. It provides screening between the parade and the flats.

There are 9 flats in 12, 14, 14A and 16 Hillside Gardens whose amenity will be affected. The amenity of the flats above the shops in the Archway Road will also be affected by the felling of the tree. Have the owners and dwellers in the other flats been consulted?

The outdoor office the applicant refers to is, presumably, the one given permission this year, HGY/2022/1622 16 Hillside Gardens
The Officer Report says for that application says,

3.3 No tress [sic] will be affected by the siting of such a structure.

3.5 The height, siting and scale of the outbuilding would not impact on light or outlook to any neighbouring occupants, given the distances in question and the low height of the building. The structure would only be partially visible, projecting above boundary fence with views of it also restricted by the existence of mature trees and shrubs within neighbouring gardens.

This tree has been taken into consideration in granting the permission for the outdoor office. It should not be removed, revealing the outdoor office.

The tree is on a public path running between the back of Archway parade and the back of Hillside Gardens. It shows no sign of 'lean' and adds to the visual amenity and character of the path. It is part of a row of trees bringing ecological, habitat and bio-diversity benefit to the immediate area.

This tree fulfils all the criteria for a TPO and is at immediate risk of felling. A TPO should be put on it as a matter of some urgency. The "paving ... laid up to the base of the tree which will begin to cause damage to the tree", should be removed.

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