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Dear Steve Iles

I am writing on behalf of our residents concerned with tree works being done during the summer. Our streets are polluted and trees give us protection, not to forget that birds are very active at this time. The response we have received from the Council is that tree works are behind the schedule and they have to catch up with works. I have spoken to Charlotte, RSPB to ask for advice and to gain understanding of the legal requirements, in copy here.

The lime trees have been severely pollarded in Ashburton Road and a healthy *Alnus Cordata* that requires only light pruning group 1 ([RHS Alnus-cordata Care](#)) with bird droppings on the pavement below has been severely reduced today in Havelock Rd. Lime trees were pollarded in Clyde Rd in the middle of July (see photo). The contractor was extremely rude to residents today and back in July ( [www.tree-surgeons.net](http://www.tree-surgeons.net) ).



The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 discourages any tree work during bird active season and RHS recommends works on trees in the summer only when there is danger to the public, and from late summer if required to manage trees. Our trees are not falling in this category and we have very few and we want to keep them healthy for a long time.

We would appreciate it if you would look into this and help us build a healthy tree stock in our roads.

Best regards  
Mira Armour, Chair

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