I don’t like the noise of our leaf blowers any more than the next person, but it is time someone spoke up for the honest working bloke who is trying to trim our vast hedges, renovate our huge estates and keep our properties in the pristine condition they deserve.

These are the people who help to make our privileged lives complete, and we reward them by augmenting impossible parking regulations, placing further limitations on the hours they can work and restrict noise levels so that madam can have her thrice-weekly massage sessions go undisturbed.

Might I suggest that if madam wishes not to hear the leaf blowers, that on the day of their arrival, she plans to work in a soup kitchen across the bridge. I, for one, applaud the work our fine contractors, gardeners and other help do to make our lives wonderful. We need to support them, not further restrict them from doing an honest and efficient day’s work.

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