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Sent: 26 March 2023 23:29
To: Planning
Subject: re. tree application 2023/0902/T, 33 Princess Road NW1 8JS

Dear Sirs

I hope you will consider my comments, even though it is past the deadline for comments.

I want to support this application. Although not directly effected by the fig tree, I live nearby and have often thought that the people living in the immediate surrounds of the tree must be severely affected by the very deep shade that it casts when in leaf. The lower ground levels must get absolutely no light whatsoever.

In addition, the fig grows incredibly quickly and obviously needs pruning back every year or two.

In addition, I noticed the other day that the fig is destroying the garden wall of no fewer that four properties as it seems to be growing almost out of the wall where the garden walls meet.

In addition, there are other very lovely trees in the immediate surrounds - a Japanese maple that would benefit from more light if the fig came down. It has spectacular foliage in the autumn which would be a special treat to see from the pavement. There is a lovely acacia. In the distance is a silver birch that has just come to maturity. You can't see any of these trees at the moment because the fig blocks sight of anything beyond it.

I actually remember when the fig was planted in the late 1970s. So, although it has been there a long time, it is not ancient. I personally have no particular nostalgia for it.

If the Council insist on a tree to replace the fig, perhaps the new owners of 33 Princess Road could plant a less vigorous tree and one that is lighter in canopy?

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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