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To: TreeSection; Planning; Sam FitzPatrick

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Subject: URGENT - Parliament Hill School Tree Works - Poplar trees are incorrectly labelled in the site plan. Risk of healthy poplar tree being felled/reduced to 3M in error

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in 47 Clevedon Mansions, Lissenden Gardens directly opposite and overlooked by the "new block" at Parliament Hill School. I am writing with regards to the planned tree works at Parliament Hill School (2022/4025/T).

Having reviewed the application, I have noticed that trees T12 and T13 have not been corrected labelled in the site plan.

On the site plan poplar tree T12 is incorrectly labelled. If you refer to the Proposed Works spreadsheet (attached) you will see T12 is noted as the 3rd tree in the row, which is correct as this is metres from our balcony and is indeed 50% dead (two stems, the trunk is thriving). You can see below that it is the second poplar tree labelled T12 in your plan, not the third poplar tree.

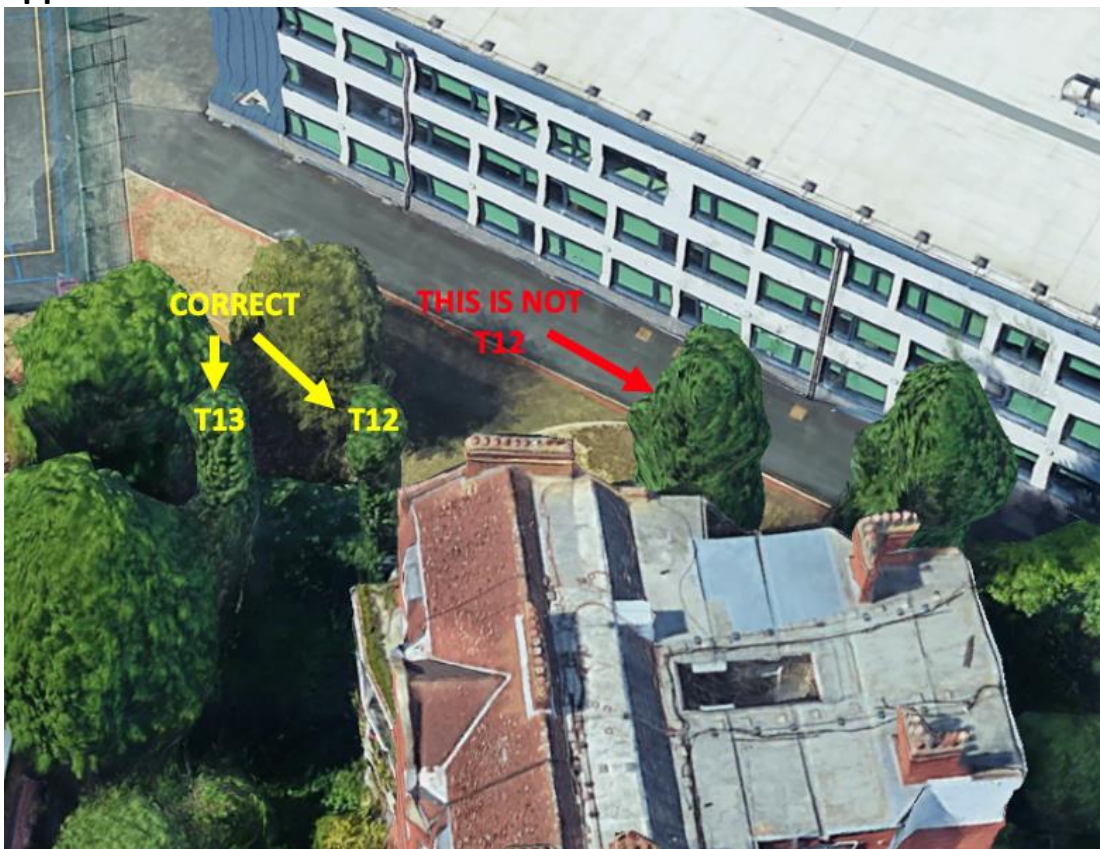
This means that in the plan, the tree labelled on your plan as T13 is in fact T12, and the poplar tree to the left (not marked on the plan) of what is currently marked as T12, is actually T13. I have looked at the photos of the trees, and the photos of T12 and T13 are not those labelled in the plan.

Please see below:

Incorrect, published plan in planning application



Corrected plan based on individual tree photos and spreadsheet in planning application



Can this please be corrected urgently so a healthy tree (i.e. that incorrectly labeled as T12) is not reduced to 3M or felled in error. The poplar trees have

been there for over 100 years, provide a haven for birds and squirrels and provide the only means of privacy from the school that looks directly into our homes at extremely close proximity.

I would also like to speak to someone with regards to these two trees as reducing to 3M seems extreme. Can T12 not just have the dead trunks removed as they are spurs? This will leave the core trunk intact. If it does still need to be reduced, why 3M? This is very extreme. Surely more of the tree can be saved? Again, with regards to T13 how large is the cavity? It does not look that large in the photo and would seem to be the result of a failed stem. Trees very often survive with no loss of stability with a cavity such as this. How high is the cavity? Can this not be monitored for longer? I see the tree everyday and in the strongest winds, and it is stable.

I hope this all makes sense and I'd be grateful if you please confirm receipt of this e-mail and that the plans have been corrected. I also look forward to speaking to someone to discuss the trees prior to the planning close date which is Friday 31st March.

Best,

Michael Thorp