



Dear Camden Council.

This is to formally submit our opposition to the removal of rare Plane Trees on Doughty Mews. As a resident on Doughty Street we consider this as an unnecessary action that ignores the clear and practical opportunity to preserve these trees. We also fail to see how the owner of this property has followed the appropriate process in securing the local environment.

We have several points to raise in objection to this application.

- The Egyptian Exploration Society (EES) has not made any efforts to preserve two large plane trees as per the Planning Officer's request of 30/03/23 in line with the Council's and the Government's environmental, biodiversity and amenity policies.

- Duty to consult was not complied with - a meeting with the community was disguised as a social Christmas drink. Clearly this was not a proper consultation.

- Roof height is unclear and therefore light modelling unsubstantiated

- There is a public roof terrace proposed that invades the privacy of houses on the opposite side of Doughty Mews and breaches the Council's own guidelines on overlooking. There is no need for outdoor balcony space for sitting tenant or rooftop of business - particularly where it is a two storey that opens directly on to pedestrian mews for outdoor amenity

- The EES has stated that they intend to plant diverse grasses on the (unnecessary) balconies when the entire scheme relies on removing the two enormous carbon sinks in the protected 200+ year old London planes. This is a clearly disingenuous effort that will not solve for the removal of the trees.

- The EES is frequently closed / not open for visitors with any regularity. It is unlikely therefore to be necessary to make these changes for attendees or for its limited number of employees.

Unfortunately the EES seems to be indifferent to the preservation of the trees. The character and look of our neighbourhood does not seem to be a consideration. Their failure to engage with the local community is also concerning.

Best Regards,

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