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Dear Planners

I object to the destruction of this tree on two grounds:

1 - there can be no justification for the felling of any tree in an urban area like ours unless it is causing structural damage to adjacent buildings, and in this case there is no evidence of any such damage.. The shelter and shade that it provides are becoming increasingly necessary as extreme heat becomes a permanent feature of our climate.. It could be said to be currently too large, causing loss of light to the rest of the garden, but this problem would be much better dealt with by reducing both the tree in question and the one next to it (mountain ash?).

2 - the tree has been a much valued component of the communal garden behind Rokeby House, and a very striking feature in the Spring (see photo below), when it is covered by a clematis Montana, and later, by honeysuckle. Its destruction would mean the loss of an amenity of increasing importance for people living in Rokeby House and enjoying its garden.



This application has no merit or justification and I trust that it will be rejected.

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