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2023/4415/T	Max Lester	06/11/2023 10:02:25	OBJ	<p>To whom this may concern.</p> <p>I own the top floor flat at 132 greencroft gardens, situated next door to 130.</p> <p>I'd like to start by thanking camden council for the great work they do in the area, it truly is a fantastic place to live and the work you do is highly appreciated by many.</p> <p>My name is Max Lester, me and my partner bought this property almost 2 years ago at the ages of 27. We started a business when were just 25 and chose to spend the money we had made buying a property in west hampstead as we loved the area so much, namely for its harmony with nature and its distinctive 'leafy' character compared to the rest of London.</p> <p>I was devastated to hear that there was an application put forward to fell the two lime trees in 130. The canopies of these two magnificent trees are right at my window level, every day i walk into my lounge and the windows are filled with green, with families of magpies nesting in the trees. It is honestly one of the reasons we fell in love with the property. Being surrounded by nature and green out of every window is what gives west hampstead and specifically this road its charm and character. Further from this, in the winter when the leaves fall it becomes so apparent that the houses over the street can see into our lounge and kitchen area. The trees give us an element of privacy that we love and would sorely miss.</p> <p>The idea that these trees, however many hundreds of years old could be fell because of minor damage (of which i see no proof of) to the outside front garden area of a neighbouring property is a travesty and in a world which is progressively having its natural beauty ravaged by man i could not sit by and allow this to go ahead un-challenged.</p> <p>West hampstead is a beautiful place to live, and i commend the work camden council do to preserve this area, it is one of the few remaining areas in North london with such charm and character. Theres much larger trees further down the road much closer to other peoples houses and these are not being fell, why should these?</p> <p>The foundations of these properties are deep, the risk to our houses is little to none and i think this is a key point here. These trees have just as much of a right to remain as do our houses and we must learn to live in harmony. Cutting them down is a complete over-reaction and would disappoint so many people on this road and neighbouring properties.</p> <p>A key point which is worth noting here is that, on this side of the road, this is the last set of trees until greencroft gardens ends and meets priory road. This would leave our end of the street incredibly bare with little to no other greenery around.</p> <p>Our house is much closer to the trees than 128 and we have experienced NO DAMAGE to any of our property, not to mention neither have 130 whose property the trees are planted. If property 128 were closer and could see the beauty of these trees everyday as we do they would not be trying to fell these wonderful trees. I would personally not be willing to destroy someone else's view and pleasure for such a minor nuisance</p> <p>I really do hope and plead camden council do the right thing and deny 128 the authority to fell these trees, i could not imagine my property without them.</p>

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I highly appreciate you taking the time to read my email and wish you all the best

Kind regards
Max Lester

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