

67 Lancaster Grove  
London NW3 4HD

Tree & Landscape Officer  
London Borough of Camden  
5 Pancras Square  
c/o Town Hall  
Judd Street  
London WC1H 9JE

17th January 2024

Dear Sir,

**Beech Tree at 37 Lancaster Grove, London NW3 4HB: Application no. 2023/5192/T**

Please, Please, Please, do not allow this beautiful specimen of a tree to be cut down, removed or altered in any way unless for some minor and judicial pollarding.

As the Council and other authorities constantly remind us, we need all the greenery we have and more, so to remove any tree of this size and beauty would go against government and council policies and instructions. Replacing this tree with a sapling will in no way compensate for its loss to the streetscape or absorb the amount of carbon currently taken by this size of tree for many years to come.

There is a similar sized beech in my front garden and reducing it 30% a few years ago and having it cut back to that level every two years or so, has prevented any subsidence or other potential damage to our house as well as maintaining the treescape of this end of the street. Hopefully, you, as the Council's Tree Officer will counsel the owner of this very special tree to adopt a similar policy rather than the radical request for total removal?

Yours faithfully,

  
Sarah Courtin (Miss)

cc: The Belsize Society Chairman