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Subject: Trees at No 8 Doughty street

Sirs

I am surprised that this is still an issue!

Saddiq Khan himself has made clean air an absolute priority in particular when it concerns children. Asthma and allergies are on the rise and here we have two beautiful 200 year old air cleaning trees less than 100 yards away from St George the Martyr's pre prep in Johns Mews.

There must be ways to protect the Egyptian Exploration Society's rear wall that do not interfere with these magnificent 200 year old trees. I have heard suggestions have been made by local architects. I am myself in the process of conferring with my nephew, a Stirling prize winning architect what he might initially advise.

Should these trees be removed they will almost certainly cause "heave". I am sure you know what that is. And that will affect several people including ourselves and many will sue for damages to property.

It is not however the property that is the most important thing in this situation. It is the children.

The permission has lapsed. They have had their chance. Can we please act in the interests of our local children and local community, and encourage EES to find an architectural solution rather than a vandalizing one. This is after all not airy fairy aesthetics but science.

Sincerely

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