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I am pleased to be given the chance to object again to the felling of two mature London Plane trees in the garden of 8 Doughty Street. I am just amazed that the destruction of these impressive and hugely useful pollutant reducers is still being considered.

The Egyptian Exploration Society has asserted that the trees are damaging the back wall of their building - they are! But the damage can be mitigated by moderate measures that are relatively inexpensive compared with the cost of removing these huge 100 year old plus trees. An independent engineer has shown that the damage can be controlled and I believe the EES have seen this report. Their engineers did not dispute it.

In addition they are beautiful, give pleasure to everyone who see them and we should not be removing trees like these- we should be planting more trees in this time of climate crisis.

I am sending this also to the Mayor of London , who I am sure would support us.

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