

**From:** Max Dubiel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:48 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to 2022/0419/T

Dear Camden Planning Team,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the Egypt Exploration Society's (EES) application to fell two magnificent 180-year-old London plane trees adjacent to one of its buildings on Doughty Mews (application reference 2022/0419/T). As a family living on Great Ormond Street, we were drawn to this neighborhood by the beauty and majesty of its trees, and we are deeply concerned about the potential loss of these irreplaceable natural assets.

In light of the climate emergency, it is crucial to preserve such significant and robustly healthy trees that play an essential role in our urban ecosystem. It has come to our attention that there is a viable solution to retain these trees. Findings indicate that the trees and the EES building are highly interdependent and that felling the trees would necessitate extensive rebuilding works and could destabilize nearby properties. These conclusions align with those of the EES's own engineer in their planning application.

There are simple, cost-effective, short- to medium-term solutions to address the primary issue of plaster cracking inside the EES building while also working on a comprehensive plan to preserve the trees. Given that the EES is planning a £2 million redevelopment to create a publicly accessible archaeology center, we believe this is a perfect opportunity to ensure the trees are protected for future generations.

We urge Camden Planning to support efforts to object to the felling of these trees. Removing these majestic trees would irrevocably alter the cherished landscape of our neighborhood. The trees provide immense pleasure with their impressive scale and seasonal foliage, offer significant mental health benefits, especially for those without access to gardens, and enhance the ecological amenity by supporting a variety of birds and other wildlife.

Furthermore, London plane trees are exceptional at reducing pollution and removing toxins and vehicle-generated particulates from the air, benefiting the health and well-being of our largely residential area, including the nearby primary school, St George the Martyr, and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The EES, dedicated to the preservation of history, should also recognize the importance of preserving this piece of living history that has taken generations to establish and contributes significantly to the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for considering our objection. We hope for a positive outcome that ensures the preservation of these invaluable trees.

Sincerely,

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