From: Mark van Harmelen <markvanharmelen@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 12:55 AM To: Planning <Planning@camden.gov.uk> Cc: Sue Vincent (Councillor) <Sue.Vincent@camden.gov.uk>; Julian Fulbrook (Councillor) <Julian.Fulbrook@camden.gov.uk> Subject: 96 objections to application 2024/2742/T carry forward from 2022

**Dear Camden Planners** 

Re: Application 2024/2742/T

I note that the 96 signatory petition submitted in 2022 as objections to fell the trees at 8 Doughty St contains as part of that petition that the petition applies to all similar planning applications in the future, thus the petition must perforce apply to the current application 2024/2742/T.

Line three on page one states

We object to all similar applications in the future

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## The redacted petition is attached below and may also be found at

https://camdocs.camden.gov.uk/HPRMWebDrawer/Record/9483677/file/do cument?inline

Thank you Dr Mark van Harmelen

## We object to planning application 2022/0419/T to remove two six-story high plane trees at 8 Doughty Street. We object to all similar applications in the future.

The objections the previous planning application (2020/5587/T) resulted in Tree Protection Orders being placed on both trees.

## Reasons for our objection include

- The trees are an asset to the local community, Camden, and London at large.
- · Plane trees help remove air pollution and airborne particulates.
- There is a local ecosystem created by the trees that supports significant wildlife.
- · Keeping the trees is an opportunity to help combat the climate crisis.
- Removal of the trees would be harmful to the character and appearance of a conservation area.
- · Keeping the trees is in line with Council policies.
- The trees are highly visible locally and from as far as the London Eye.
- The trees contribute to positive mental health for residents the area.
- The applicants (still) haven't fully carried out the recommendations of their surveyors.
- Removal of the trees may cause ground-heave damage to neighbouring properties.
- Three structural engineers advised against removal of the trees in 2020.
- There are engineering solutions to keep the trees in harmony with the building in Doughty Mews that have not been explored by the applicants.
- No planning application should be approved until these alternative solutions are fully explored with architects and surveyors.



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