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Dear Planning Department at Camden Council,

Removal of 2 trees in the garden of 8 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2PL

I'm writing to support the Egyptian Exploration Society in its planning application to have two trees removed from the garden of 8 Doughty Street and which are causing damage to the Society's building.

I've visited the EES on two occasions this year, on Tuesday 2nd July and more recently on Wednesday 14th August.

I wonder how many of the objectors to the Application have visited and toured inside?

I believe if they had, there would be no objection to this scheme.

I was absolutely terrified by what I saw.

The massive trunks are pressing against the building and clearly visible from windows to the rear - as are the cracks to the building which have formed as a consequence.

One of the objectors has provided a video of these trees taken from the 8 Doughty Street garden.

Viewing it I felt it could not possibly be seen in terms of supporting the keeping of the trees in place.

Again I use the word 'terrifying'

These huge specimens which reach up & up, totally out of scale with the surrounding buildings and other vegetation, are OUT OF CONTROL!

But my point is this. I've recently returned from Naples and looking across to Vesuvius I doubt the citizens of Pompeii & Herculaneum thought the destruction that was caused would ever happen. They would not have built their cities there otherwise

The tragedy of a super yacht sinking - the second largest mast in the world - what could possibly go wrong?

Well, nature goes wrong!

Man really is not in control....

Should there be another event such as the Great Storm of 1987 (22 fatalities) who knows what may happen?

But it does not take much imagination to know the devastation these two huge trees would cause

You can have as many engineers' reports as you like - nature has a way of doing what it wants - hence my two earlier examples

Personally, I would not risk it!

I doubt the objectors, were the trees pressing on their buildings, would either



The delay of the inevitable conclusion that these trees must come down is distressing for those who have to work in the building in the meantime

Again, I doubt any of the objectors would want to work under the conditions that the EES is having to endure

This world class facility full of amazing artefacts and knowledge with its incredible library, wants to get on with its work.

It wants to get on with its redevelopment

It wants to make the place SAFE

They cannot bring children to visit from local schools - they cannot get on and do the work they are meant to do

I am amazed that the objectors have no regard for the distress they are causing by delaying, as I see it, the inevitable.

The interior is oppressive with the fear that the trees could topple

And trees do!

I personally would not wish that on anybody

The sooner the matter is resolved - as it must be - the sooner new trees can be planted in the garden of 8 Doughty Street and properly managed

Lastly, the green issue

On Monday 8th July 2024 eight trees were felled on Great Ormond Street

This is barely 2 streets away from Doughty Mews

Not one of these objectors objected to it

Yours Sincerely

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