From:

Sent: 27 October 2024 08:25

**To:** Planning

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**Subject:** Planning Application - 2024/4305/T Site Address 40 Frognal London

NW3 6AG

Dear Planning,

Firstly, I would like to share that I love the garden. I love and appreciate having green space outside my window and being able to watch and hear the local wildlife and see pets and foxes that use the space.

It carries many, many fond memories for me of times - playing with children, entertaining in clement or hot weather. Relaxing in the garden in the hammock or pool and was a source of well-being over Covid, providing light and nature which is what we need everyday.

The trees play an enormous role in giving life. Absorbing carbon dioxide, especially from the surrounding busy roads and cleaning it to emit oxygen, they act like nature's lungs.

My intention here is not flatten land but the species under request have little purpose in providing good habitants for birds or their structural growth has now become a potential danger.

The Sycamore tree is an immense durable tree with a rapid growth rate and expansive root system. It has an upright, pyramidal crown when young and as it matures develops a rounded, irregular form, with a scaffold of large diameter branches. Removal of live branches is occasionally necessary to allow increased exposure to sunlight and circulation of air within the canopy. This assists in reduction of certain diseases. The Sycamore in the application has grown very narrow, under the suffocation of the Cypress tree and sways with a gentle

breeze. I go out less often as I'm deeply concerned the tree could uproot at any time!

The Cypress tree is ornamental and is widely used suucessfully to provide screening. However, without a wonderful frragrance and it is vital for care and attention. The Cypress will be here long after we leave.

Knowing this address for over 10 years, the trees have not been pruned and maintained and they have been allowed to be as the objecting neighbours would continue to have it.

Their complaints have no grounds or validity and their protestation is not for the welfare of the trees, their motive highly questionable as they live above ground in flats flooded with light and warmth while everyone, everything else suffers. A poorly recollected and recorded conversation has been misrepresented and those who do not walk in truth, use intimidating tactics and oppressive behaviour.

A letter has been received from an objecting neighbour to donate and introduce further conifers or a birch sapling to the garden, which is a generous offer, but not good for people with allergies, breathing difficulties and will be declined No further dialogue has taken place.

Kind regards,

Vevine Witter