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To: Planning

Subject: RE 2024/4405/T Application to Fell mature trees in the garden of Cecil House

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposed felling and loss of two important mature trees in the large green space bounded by Albert Street North, Parkway, Arlington Road and Delancey Street for the following reasons.

- **Conservation area**

These trees are in a conservation area and therefore listed. They appear to be in good health.

- **Visual Amenity**

Although the trees in question can only be glimpsed externally they can be seen from over 45 dwellings and are therefore of considerable value as a public visual amenity.

- **Biodiversity and Air Pollution**

Too many mature trees in Camden have been and continue to be felled, many to enable the construction of the HS2 railway. Street trees are often pollarded. It is therefore imperative that these trees are preserved to provide natural habitats for birds and insects. Their canopies are also essential for combating air pollution which has been shown to be extremely high because of heavy traffic in Parkway and Delancey Street. In the absence of public gardens, these trees contribute to an important "green lung" in this residential area.

- **Carbon Sequestration**

Both species are Category A carbon credit species trees (see Barcham's "Top Trunks" carbon sequestration guide). Camden has declared a climate emergency

and should not be permitting the release of this carbon as a consequence.

· Structural Issues

Removal of mature trees such as these often cause more damage to structures due to heave than any initial subsidence has caused. Retention with careful management would be the correct solution in the vast majority of cases on clay soils.

I also have understood from our neighbours that the original TPO's were never confirmed and urge you to confirm these immediately

If you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to get in touch

Best

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