

**From: Neville Spencer-Lewis**

**Sent: 10 December 2024 13:06**

**To: Planning**

**Cc: Tree Matters**

**Subject: REMOVAL OF HOLLY TREE AT 19A LAWN ROAD, NW3 2XR**

**GARDEN FLAT**

**19A LAWN ROAD**

**LONDON NW3 2XR**

**10TH DECEMBER 2024**

**Dear Sirs,**

**YOUR REF: 2024/4952/T**

**i refer to your letter dated 12th November 2024 which was addressed to me as the owner/occupier of the above flat. I am indeed the owner and I am applying for the removal of the holly tree (through Tree Matters).**

**At the outset I apologise for not having responded within the 21 days requested. The reason is that it was only at the weekend that the occupiers of the flat above me (no 2 or 19B) told me that they were objecting to the removal of the holly.**

**I would like to make the following points:**

**First, I do not know what standing the occupiers in the flat above have in this situation, as they are only tenants. As such they will be only occupying their**

flat for a relatively short time (they are Canadian in fact). So, even if they have any legal standing to object, i would suggest it carries relatively little weight.

Secondly, I should stress that since occupying my flat in 2007 I have planted **THREE OTHER TREES**, two bay trees and an olive tree, all of which are substantial. The net effect of the removal of the holly is that I shall have increased the number of trees in my garden by two.

Thirdly, the combined effect of the holly and the two bay trees, particularly taken in conjunction with the presence of the massive Ash Tree in no 47, is that the end of the garden where the holly grows is extremely shaded, so that it is very difficult to grow anything there. The removal of the holly would transform the light at that end of the garden.

Fourthly I have in the past previously cut the holly back (with permission) to attempt to reduce its impact, but owing to the way the holly grows it leaves a very unsightly effect which took years to grow out. Its prickly leaves are also a terrible nuisance on the ground.

All in all I do hope you will grant permission for the holly tree to be removed.

Yours,

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**Further to my previous email, for your information I am sending a photo of the bottom of my garden showing the holly tree between the two bay trees with the massive Ash tree behind. You can see just how crowded it is and of course how dark it is at the end of the garden. You can see part of the olive tree in the left foreground.**

**Neville Spencer Lewis**

