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Planning Trees

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Application Ref 2024/5347/T

Dear Camden Trees

Application of Works to Tree covered by TPO 178 Camden Rd NW1 9HG

As owner at 18 Camden Road, next door, it is imperative that planning permission is granted to fell this tree.

This tree is dangerous. How long will it be before a branch over hanging the pavement breaks and falls on a pedestrian inuring or possibly killing them?

Earlier this autumn a mature tree came down in windy conditions at 168 Camden Road. Fortunately, it fell into the neighbouring garden at 170 Camden Road and nobody was injured.

A tree of heaven was causing damage (cracking of walls) to 38 Camden Mews. This was felled during the summer.

At 160 Camden Road a large plane tree caused damage to the property over many years. It caused subsidence about 20 years ago but was not felled at this time. The subsidence has reoccurred and now the tree there has been felled and the damage to the building will have to be remedied.

A tree of heaven is noted by the UK government as being of special concern because of its *invasiveness*: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/invasive-non-native-alien-plant-species-rules-in-england-and-wales#list-of-invasive-plant-species> and the rules provide that they should be treated or disposed of where possible.

Moreover, every year the falling leaves cause serious problems. The leaves block the drains and gutters on the flat roofs. It is expensive to have them cleaned out but it has to be done to stop flooding.

It is clearly in everybody's best interest that this tree is felled.

Yours faithfully

Kate Smith