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To: Planning

Subject: Application Number 2024/5682/T Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area Proposal: Front Garden - 1 x Magnolia (T1) - Fell to ground level

Dear Camden Planning Officer

Application Number 2024/5682/T / Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area / Proposal: Front Garden - 1 x Magnolia (T1) - Fell to ground level

I am writing to you to object strongly to the above planning application to fell the magnolia tree in the front garden of 26 Bartholomew Villas

I do not consider that any of the reasons cited in the application by the owner, Mr Simon Pearson, are grounds to fell this gorgeous tree.

The tree is not damaging his property. Why can't the tree branches that might be brushing against his front windows just be pruned back? Surely the whole tree does not need to be felled.

There are a number of local gardeners who I and my neighbours (including Mr Pearson) use who would be able to simply prune back any branches touching the windows every couple of years or so. (Unless Mr Pearson doesn't want to pay for this?)

Loss of light is not a reason to fell a tree - is it?

Personally I think the tree should have a Protection Order on it as it is so valuable to our street as an established and beautiful tree about which many local residents and visitors to the street and nearby Health Centre often comment, especially when it's in bloom.

Mr Pearson says that the petals and leaves might be a 'slip hazard'...well, as responsible neighbours, my husband and I frequently sweep the pavement outside our house and so can Mr Pearson...though I don't know of anyone who has slipped on any leaves outside their house. Also we have wonderful street cleaners who regularly sweep our pavements.

Consequently I strongly object to this application - I think that the tree should be retained and protected as stated above.

Yours sincerely

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