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Sent: 09 January 2025 12:20

To: Planning

Subject: Application number 2024/5682/T 26 Bartholomew Villas, London NW5 2LL

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the Application No: 2024/5682/T relating to 26 Bartholomew Villas NW5.

The reasons given by the applicant are neither sufficient nor valid.

Over the past 20 years Bartholomew Villas, particularly the stretch between Lawford and Patshull roads, has lost a number of mature street trees which, for reasons to do with retro-fitted services, have not been replaced. Consequently trees and vegetation grown on private land has become all the more important in maintaining a healthy environment in this Conservation Area.

The Magnolia tree which the applicant wishes to remove has grown into a healthy and attractive specimen and as such provides great amenity value to the street. It is equally admired by residents and passers by.

As a resident myself I can attest to seeing many pedestrians stopping and taking pictures of the tree when in full flower in the Spring.

The tree has not been shown to be doing any damage to property and no branches actually touch the property.

Loss of light, as claimed, is not a sufficient justification to fell. In the past the applicant had carefully pruned the tree and being healthy it has grown back. I am sure no one would object if the same was done again.

As for the flower petals being a slip hazard let me simply say I have never been aware of anyone slipping on the trees' petals or them causing any injury to anyone. Nor am I aware that flower petals are a valid reason for felling an attractive and healthy tree.

The tree should be protected with a TPO.

Yours Sincerely,

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