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To: Planning

Subject: Objection to Tree Works Application at 178 Camden Road Application Ref 2025/1768/T

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed tree works at 178 Camden Road, specifically the felling of the mature, healthy tree situated in the front garden. This proposal is deeply concerning for several reasons, particularly in light of Camden Council's commitment to enhancing the borough's green infrastructure and the government's recent funding initiatives aimed at increasing tree planting to combat climate change.

Environmental and Policy Considerations

Camden's Tree Planting Strategy 2020–2025 outlines an ambition to increase tree canopy cover by a minimum of 3.7% by 2045, with a target of planting at least 600 trees annually. The strategy emphasizes the importance of retaining existing trees wherever possible and integrating new planting into developments, including creating tree-lined streets and community orchards. Felling a healthy, mature tree contradicts these objectives and undermines the council's environmental goals .

Additionally, the government's recent funding announcements for tree planting underscore the national commitment to enhancing urban green spaces. Removing a healthy tree at this time sends a contradictory message and could be perceived as a step backward in the collective effort to address climate change and improve urban environments.

Legal Protections and Public Amenity

While I am not aware of whether the tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), Camden Council's policy stipulates that trees should not be removed unless they are dead, dying, dangerous, or involved in tree-related

subsidence claims, and even then, only as a last resort . The proposed felling of a healthy tree does not meet these criteria and raises questions about the necessity and justification for such an action.

Furthermore, trees contribute significantly to the character and appearance of conservation areas and provide public amenity. The removal of a healthy tree in a prominent location diminishes the aesthetic and environmental quality of the area, impacting residents and visitors alike.

Request for Review and Consideration

In light of the above points, I respectfully request that Camden Council:

- Review the necessity of the proposed tree works, considering the environmental policies and strategies in place.
- Assess the impact of removing a healthy, mature tree on the local ecosystem and community.
- Consider alternative solutions that align with the council's commitment to increasing green infrastructure and combating climate change.

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trust that the council will give due consideration to these concerns and make a decision that reflects its environmental commitments and the interests of the Camden community.

Yours faithfully,

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