

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1768/T	Chris Freeman	182b Camden Road London NW19HG	14/05/2025 08:20:24	OBJ	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing as a concerned local resident to formally object to the planning application to fell the tree situated near 178 Camden Road. I urge the Council to reject this application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subsidence Claims Require Further Substantiation The justification of subsidence in this case appears questionable. The building encompassing 176 and 178 Camden Road houses two large Trees of Heaven including the tree in question, and exhibits no visible or reported signs of subsidence! The tree in question is positioned a significant distance from the property at 180 Camden Road, making it an unlikely cause of structural issues there. The augur report omits to report the size of the Tree of Heaven roots. If small, it is very unlikely that they will be contributing to subsidence at 180. Surely if Trees of Heaven were a subsidence threat, the 176-178 building would experience it first, at which point action would be reasonable. Felling this tree before then would be premature at best, if not entirely pointless. 2. Value of Urban Trees Trees such as this are integral to the character and livability of Camden Road. They play a crucial role in mitigating urban noise from the very busy Camden Road, providing privacy, and improving air quality. Their presence significantly enhances residents' well-being and quality of life in an otherwise dense urban environment. 3. Cumulative Impact of Recent Tree Losses In the past two years alone, exactly 15 trees have been felled or killed in the garden area between 178–180 Camden Road, 16 Murray Street, and 31 Camden Mews. This rapid deforestation has had a substantial negative impact on local residents, reducing privacy, hugely increasing noise from the road, and diminishing the area's green character. Alarming, none of these trees have been replaced with 'more suitable' alternatives, leaving formerly green and peaceful spaces barren and overbuilt. Further loss of mature trees would only exacerbate this trend and harm the local residents irreparably. 4. Pruning If tree management is required, I implore the council to consider pruning as a viable alternative to felling. There is no need to destroy a tree that gives so much to the community when it can be easily managed. <p>In summary, I strongly urge the Council to preserve the remaining mature trees that still grace our neighbourhood. They are a vital part of the local ecosystem and community, and once lost, they cannot easily be replaced.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>