


Dear Elizabeth - thank you very much for writing this. I agree with everything you say. I do not know why this keeps occurring every few years and why Camden cannot deal with it once and for all.

Thanks for your support



all the best,
Ellen Solomon

On 14/07/2013 11:03, Elizabeth Hoddy wrote:

To whom it may concern

What an appalling waste of taxpayers' money. For the past ten months we have been bombarded with dire threats that you will be felling two healthy, mature protected trees at 20 Downside Crescent and 76 Lawn Road, without even getting the permission of the owners! I know both of them and am well aware that neither of them has any intention of felling their magnificent trees.

Are we living in a Conservation Area or not? What on earth is Camden's Planning Department up to? I'm beginning to fear the worst, what with all the scams, corruption and rampant greed we've uncovered recently. Who on earth are you listening to?

I am writing to you again -- for the umpteenth time and as the freeholder of [REDACTED] -- to say that it would be absolute vandalism and illegal to fell either of the trees. I also speak as a trained botanist and chemist. Are you not aware of trees' enormous benefits? They play an irreplaceable role in replenishing oxygen in the air, removing air borne pollutants, helping conserve water by augmenting water tables, providing shade and hence cooling during periods of excessive heat, stabilising the soil and providing a perfect habitat for our fast dwindling world of insects, birds, animals and other precious wildlife. Also, as regards the ash tree, it's predicted that most of the UK's stock of ash trees could soon be decimated by ash dieback, an unstoppable wind-blown virus.

But of course this doesn't bother ruthless companies whose sole interest is saving money at whatever cost to others. It's worth considering that if they had their way the whole of this still "green and pleasant land" would be converted into a desert.

Don't you think that WE, the owners of the trees and neighbours, are the ones who should be listened to and taken seriously?

Of course, the disadvantage of such fine trees is that they deprive us of some sunlight, but I'm sure we would all willingly forgo that to enjoy the multitude of benefits they provide. Both Mr. Spencer Feng and Dr. Ellen Solomon told me that they were regularly having their trees cut back and trimmed.

I hope I shall never again have to write such an email and Camden's Planning Department will come to its

senses and stop pestering taxpayers and wasting their money in this ridiculous fashion.

Yours hopefully,

Elizabeth Hoddy

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