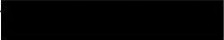


From: Mollie Stephenson [mailto:
Sent: 05 June 2013 16:46
To: Planning
Subject: FAO Joanna Ecclestone

Dear Ms Ecclestone,

I am emailing on behalf of Teresa Roviras and Spencer Fung, who are contesting a planning application in the Camden area, with the reference number 2013/2668/T.

Attached is a letter from them and another from their nine year old son Lawrence, as well as a photo of the site. Although you must be incredibly busy, I hope that you can find time to look at them.

Thank you,

Mollie





Dear Ms Ecclestone,

We are in the midst of battling a planning report that we find both completely unjust and unsupported, so, as the head of the conservation, we ask that you will listen to our case, understand our reasons for challenging this application and, hopefully, you can help us stop it.

Oriel services have applied to fell the Ash tree in our back garden, due to structural damage to a neighbouring house. The reports submitted to support their application are full of inaccuracies and totally misleading. The location plan drawn shows our tree much closer to the house in question, number sixteen, than it actually is. In fact, many of the trees in the location drawing are in the wrong place. This has to raise doubts in the professionalism and knowledge with which Oriel has approached this case. Even the reports that seem correct, such as the engineer report, do not support Oriel's application. The engineer recommends felling two different trees, rather than our Ash. In reality, there are plenty of trees closer to the building of number sixteen than our Ash, including some in the garden of number sixteen itself, that have not been included in this application. Overall, Oriel's application is wholly inaccurate, and we fail to understand how it is our Ash that has been targeted.

We understand that structural damage is a very important concern for our neighbours, however it is apparent that, because all of the back buildings of the Downside Crescent rear buildings were built at the same time and built with shallow footings, that tree roots could be an issue. However, we at number twenty and our neighbours at number eighteen have underpinned the footings to protect our properties. Number sixteen needs to do the same, rather than attempt to fell every tree (apart from their own) that could possibly cause them a problem.

As you may well know, the Ash tree has been under serious threat from disease in the past few years, and we truly believe that we should be trying to preserve this majestic and historical British tree. It is a wonderful tree, a great part of our home and our lives in this house, with a wealth of memories attached to it, not to mention the rich variety of wildlife that make it their home. Recently we have seen, as had our neighbour at number eighteen, includes wood pigeons, great spotted woodpeckers, wrens, blue tits, coal tits, great tits, long tailed tits, robins, starlings, blackbirds and greenfinches, to mention just a few. We believe our tree is incredibly important, not just for us, but also for our community and our environment. We need to save our tree for all of these reasons.

We hope that you agree with our plight and can help us save our tree. Thank you so much for your time.
Reference Number: 2013/2668/T

Yours sincerely,



Spencer Fung and Teresa Roviras



DOWN SIDE C R E S E N T

Trees and nature

If you look on one side you will find pollution, smoke and all the other stuff.
But if you look on the other side you will find trees, grass plants and food including other stuff.

hedgehog

round the world

3 pine mews london nw10 3ja

tel +44(0)208 9649331

www.hedgehogshop.co.uk