



Dear Mr Oxford

Further to my email below, I now set out my objections to this application in respect of the trees at Flat 1, 45 Maresfield Gardens:

- 1) The trees in question are not diseased and we are told that they are not a threat to the foundations of Flat 1.

There is, therefore, absolutely no reason why they should be felled.

- 2) Whilst the trees cannot now be easily seen from the public highway (they were before), this is due to the fact that Flat 1 has built an un-authorised extension, which is out of keeping with the area and which completely blocks out the gap between Flat 1 and the adjoining building at 43 Maresfield Gardens.

- 3) The trees are part of the greenery which is such an important part of this conservation area.

This is of the utmost importance for all those residents, including ourselves, who overlook the gardens between Maresfield Gardens and Netherhall Gardens.

- 4) The trees provide privacy.

During the months in which the trees are in leaf, we are surrounded by beautiful greenery.

If we allow perfectly healthy trees to be cut down in the way proposed, we will see buildings instead of greenery.

- 5) The trees help with noise reduction.

If we allow perfectly healthy trees to be cut down in the way proposed, this will almost certainly result in an increase in noise from traffic etc.

- 6) The trees provide shelter for the very varied wildlife.

I very much hope that this application will be rejected.

Regards

Ian Green

Dear Mr Oxford

I am one of the flat owners in the adjoining building (Flats A to F, 45 Maresfield Gardens).

I will in due course be lodging my objections to this application and I understand that other flat owners in our building will similarly be lodging objections.

In the meantime, there are a few matters I would like to raise with you prior to your inspection:

1) **Tree Preservation Orders**

- a) Substantial building works have been, and are in the course of being, carried out to Flat 1.

Throughout, the owners of Flat 1 have behaved in a totally cavalier manner, ignoring the law and ignoring the impact of what they are doing on the adjoining properties and their owners.

In particular, they have carried out these works without planning permission, despite the fact that they have been told on numerous occasions that planning permission is required.

Further details regarding this can be obtained from John Nicholls, who is copied in on this email.

As a consequence of this, and of other matters which have taken place, I do not trust anything the adjoining owners do or say and I do not trust them to comply with their legal obligations.

- b) My immediate concern is that if the owners of Flat 1 are prepared to ignore planning control in relation to their substantial building works (which they have been doing), they may well be prepared to ignore protecting the trees in their garden.

Bearing this in mind, I would ***urge you in the strongest possible terms*** to immediately make the trees which are the subject of this application, and possibly the other trees in their garden, subject to Tree Preservation Orders in order (hopefully) to give greater protection to these trees.

2) **The Lime Tree**

It is not clear to me which lime tree is the subject of this application.

Will you please advise me of this following your inspection.

3) **The Application**

I have various comments on the application form itself:

a) **Applicant**

I don't know who Mark Wallinger is.

He is not the owner of Flat 1 – we have been told that the owners are Liron and Kfir Chervinski

b) **Section 4**

The Applicant, Mark Wallinger, states that he is the owner of the trees.

Please see (a) above.

c) **Section 5**

This has not been answered.

d) **Section 8**

The questions raised at the end of this section have not been answered – I believe the answers to these are "No".

e) **Section 10**

This has not been dealt with.

f) **Section 11**

- i) The date appears to be substantially before the application was submitted.
- ii) The application is unsigned.

I look forward to hearing from you on the above.

Regards

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