



Dear Sir or Madam

I was greatly saddened to see yet another healthy tree in our street threatened with its premature demise. Compared to other cities (ie Paris, Munich or Vienna where planning departments consciously create more green space), London is becoming less and less green. Whilst I understand that in the highly congested city centre every inch is needed to sustain road infrastructure, I don't see why also the quiet roads in suburbs like Hampstead should slowly, but surely lose the little bit of nature that is left. Ever since I have moved to Sherlock Road three years ago, I have admired the rare beauty of this particular tree's flowers and fruits and find that it adds a very unique charm to this street. For me, it was not only the vicinity to the untouched nature of Hampstead Heath that led me to move into this street, but also the floral character of Sherlock Road itself. I'm aware that many of my neighbours share this sentiment as well as the fear that the loss of this very character will turn also Sherlock Road into one of the many indistinguishable brick and concrete tunnels most London roads have become. For this reason, I would like to express my strong objection to felling this strawberry tree and - if its size has become a problem - suggest a trim instead.

Best wishes,

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