

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

Tree Section  
Town Hall Extension  
Argyle Steet  
London WC1H 8ND

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBJECT: Camden planning application 2015/1073/T**

After extensive thought I would feel at fault if I did express my views having not been previously asked what they were.

I would like to object to the proposal to destroy the conifer tree in the front garden of 21 Thurlow Rd. I have lived with it for 27 years and watched it grow and enjoyed its year around greenness. Upon reading the note included in the formal proposal I cannot see that the tree is diseased or suffering. Yes it is covered in ivy but this could be removed as it has been from the garden level below. It is also questionable that this tree blocks the sunlight from the garden flat being that there are three large windows which with raised blinds could enjoy the sun's rays. Instead the tree serves those on the ground and first floor with a pleasant view and blocks the direct view of the rather ugly 1980's building across the street. It is also not clear why this conifer blocks the light to the ground below while the proposed flowering cherry would not. Amble sunlight seems to reach the lower level of the garden being that a mahonia, blue bells and lots of ivy previously flourished.

It could be said that similar to a building this tree forms a valuable part of the landscape of Thurlow Rd being it is an unusual tree to see in Hampstead and has been in place over 30 years.

I believe the tree should be freed of the ivy and left as part of the new garden planting planned for that area.

PS: I note that previous approval was received in 2008 to remove the tree. I was not aware of that proposal and thus could not object at that time.

Sincerely Yours,

K. E Clauss

