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Tree Preservation Officer (ref C1137 2015) Environmental Services London Borough of Camden Old Town Hall Judd Street WC1 H 8 EQ

28 May 2015

To Patricia Tavernier and Tree Preservation Officer,

Further to your letter of 20 April 2015 the following are our objections to the Tree preservation order of a Stawberry Tree in 13 Shirlock Road.

As you can see from the attached 3 photos approximately 50% of the branches are now overlooking/covering the pavement area which is the property of Camden Council. **Strawberry Trees** are **EVERGREEN**.

Therefore their leaves do not disintegrate with the seasons like 99% of the trees in the Borough.

The fruits and flowers of the trees appear simultaneously in the autumn. When they fall, especially the strawberry fruit, they are very soft and slippery. The weather is often wet and icy during November/ December. There are reduced daylight hours and the area is very dangerous to small children and the elderly. There are many families with school aged children in the vicinity.

Do you confirm that Camden is therefore responsible if there are any injuries? Is there a Camden Council budget for someone to clear the pavement area on a very regular basis to prevent accidents?

Mr and Mrs Whitby are aware of the problem. They were very keen to prune a large branch overlooking our property last summer because of this. There are often young children in our front garden.

Yours faithfully,

Michael and Susan Coveney



