

Att: London Borough of Camden
Town Hall
Judd Street
London WC1H 8ND

October 4th, 2015

Your reference 2015/5446/T

Application for works to Tree(s) covered by a TREE PROTECTION ORDER at
26 Akenside Court Belsize Crescent NW3 5QT

FROM ;
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Firstly - these trees are directly in vision from our flat – and are integral to our enjoyment and the value of our flat. These trees also provide nest for many birds, I've seen what I think is a rare woodpecker in one of the sycamores, and other nests there from many types of other birds. The severe pruning would lead to the abandonment of the various birds who are nesting there.

And ^{can} you please clarify this - there are 2 Horse Chestnut trees and you are suggesting that only one is declining and needs to be felled to the ground? And is there proof that this declining chestnut is beyond pruning and needs to be felled? A large portion of it looked very healthy this summer – I would like to see a more detailed report about the state of the tree before I agree to this.

If the Horse Chestnut that is ill does need to be felled to the ground, I understand there is a requirement under the protection order to replant a similar tree, Can you please confirm plans to replant a new chestnut or something similar and of a decent size.

And please confirm that the other horse chestnut will be left as it is.

I also object to the Sycamore trees being pruned so severely as above, which seems inappropriate and unnecessary, especially in the light that they are under a protection order and also have various bird nests in them and also possibly bats – which I have seen in the back. Also I know that the safest time to prune a

Sycamore is December or January and I would request that these are pruned much less severely – protecting the nests, at this time of the year.

Yours sincerely,



Nicki Kefalas