



Dear Sirs and Madam,

As occupant of flat 115 Bedford Court Mansions (a "back" flat that overlooks the garden of 106 Great Russell Street), I wish to object to the above proposal, in the first instance because of the negative impact it would have on our immediate environment. At this very moment there is a truly wonderfully constructed bird's nest in the ancient plane tree's upper branches, and the parent birds are actively feeding chicks. One could hardly want for a better argument for the continued safe existence of this very grand old tree. Its very existence within the Bloomsbury Conservation area is a great contribution to the diversity of the natural environment of the area. Any proposed construction in danger of disturbing the roots of this tree is to be deplored. There are several other objections that would be better answered by those with more experience of the amount of disturbance even a light weight timber building would entail to the ground beneath the tree and its roots that lie close to the surface.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Roslyn Poignant