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2016/0665/P	Jessica Jacobs	7 Gordon House Road London NW5 1LN	21/05/2016 15:14:05	INT	Gospel Oak school is named after a tree. Its logo is a tree. Children need trees. They also need trees to protect them from the pollution of Mansfield Road. From the data the Green Party and Clean Air London (Simon Burkett) have already got, Mansfield Road (by Gospel Oak Station and the school entrance) got readings of 45 and 46 ug/m2. The World Health Organisation and the EU say that breathing more than 20 ug/m2 of NO2 is dangerous and more than 40 ug/m2 is illegal. The reasons for removing the trees and meadow from the front of the school are highly problematic.

1. disabled access - the steps to the school have been significantly modified twice in the last 10 years. On both occasions parents suggested there should be disabled access added (on the other side by the main hall) but this was rejected. For many years the school had a pupil who was disabled and used a wheelchair and at no point during his enrolment was disabled access added.

2. communication with parents - very few parents know about these plans - I think this is deliberate because these trees are so loved. John Hayes states that he has told parents via twitter and mentioned it on a previous coffee morning. Yet nobody has found the tweet on twitter (@gospeloakschool) yet and very few parents attend his coffee mornings. If the idea is so great why wasn't it mentioned in the regular weekly newsletter as well?

3. Transparency When it was suggested at the most recent coffee morning that some architects plans could be put in the reception area of the school so parents could know what it will look like - one of the parents involved in the plans said this wasn't a good idea as it might put out the wrong message - what was the wrong message? that parents would find out what was happening and perhaps think they could have a say in the design? To his credit the head teacher has at least agreed that he will post the plans on the school website. But this was not his idea, it was only after a request from a parent.

4. Tree Science. the claim the trees were in a deteriorated state - how did they get in such a state - and surely this means they need care and attention not removal? The apple trees in particular produce delicious fruit but could certainly do with some care.

There is a lot of affection for these fruit trees and birch trees and the meadow they live in - when it grows up its beautiful and an asset to a very polluted street.

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2016/0665/P	Kate Silverston	11 Lissenden Mansions Lissenden Gardens London NW5 1PP nw5 1pp	23/05/2016 11:14:36	COMMNT	<p>The quality of the replacement planting schedule is very poor.</p> <p>The use of larger trees and shrubs at the front of the building could greatly help to provide shading to classrooms, absorb some of the noise and improve the air quality from Mansfield Road. Currently the classrooms have to have their blinds down in order to use the white boards, they are unable to use the windows for much needed ventilation. Well thought out tall planting would also diffuse the scruffy look of the uneven concrete wall slabs of the school building.</p> <p>Seeing numerous spelling errors in the planting schedule indicates to me that very little attention has been paid to this aspect of the project, yet it is instrumental to the look of the site in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Room and priority should have been made for a decent planting design. A good design would not have allowed the function of building to compromise the overall environment to this extent.</p> <p>Furthermore, I consider the choice of fruit trees to be particularly unwise and not thought through. Being so close to a busy road the fruit would not be fit for consumption.</p>
