



Dear Mr. Remington,

It is with much surprise and great disappointment that I heard about the intent to remove a tree in the garden of 22 Hilltop Road that has been there and visible from the main road for the last 5 decades.

I looked at the various reports on the Camden Planning Website and I was really surprised to see that the date of the visit was Sept 2013 - over 3 years ago?!? And that it said very clearly that the surveyors feel that 40% of the damage "could" be contributed to the tree's roots where as 60% was due to "loss of adhesion" to the mortar joints.

May I ask, why this was not fixed and remedied as soon as it was pointed out? Why was it left to deteriorate even more? And why are they now taking the easy option, the less expensive option of removing an entire tree?

It must be noted that this tree cannot be replaced, the wall can be rebuilt, but may cost more to keep the tree - the right option should not always be the cheapest and most commercially viable option.

Please kindly STOP this application from progressing and leave this tree alone. Kindly get the Housing Association in question to deal with this issue and fix the wall, which they seem to have completely forgotten about for such a long time - it seems not much maintenance has been done on it and do the right thing (not the cheaper option).

Thanks in advance for your support and for your understanding on this issue.

Best regards,

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