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Dear Tree Officer

ref 2017/1308/T

The gardens of 25A and 27A are not only in a Conservation Area but also have Tree Preservation Orders on the Oak and Ash trees in question. These trees are annually violated by tree surgery.

The Oak tree at 27A is directly opposite my French windows and already has had several branches removed. I object to the removal of any more of its branches. The East facing garden border receives plenty of light including sunshine, when available. The Oak tree acts as a screen to block out ugly, high rise flats in Lawn Road from my view.

The Ash tree at 25A, before it was brutally mutilated, was the prettiest of trees with a most beautiful natural shape which we, residents of both houses, loved and enjoyed. Ms L M-Scott and J. Moore, her gardener, have colluded over several years to destroy this healthy tree by hacking off branches and destroying its natural shape. The crown of the Ash tree has been cut back a couple of times which we have opposed. As a result there is strong growth at the top of the tree due to unreasonable pruning and if it becomes "congested" it will be entirely the fault of Ms L M-Scott and her gardener.

The Ash and the Oak trees are beautiful particularly when covered in leaves as they are for at least 9 months of the year. Behind them and the allotments is the Overground Railway and the trees protect us from the pollution of the diesel Freight trains, which run 24/7, as well as muffling their noise.

I must point out Ms L M-Scott is merely a tenant of 25A and does not own the flat, as alleged. The gardens at 25A and 27A are indeed south facing but to say they were "purchased partly for this reason" is untrue. Ms L M-Scott told me she is not a gardener and this is apparent by her inability to water a parched plant and is the reason for the demise of a pretty white Wisteria through blatant neglect. The Almond tree in 27A is so neglected by the gardener it has developed severe Peach Leaf Curl over several years and failed to blossom this year.

The Ash and Oak trees are visited by many wild birds throughout the year including : Blackbirds, Wood Pigeons, Collared Doves, Magpies, Starlings Great Tits, Blue Tits, Coal Tits, Long tailed Tits, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Dunnocks, Wrens, Robins, Green Parrots and even a Great Spotted Wood pecker. In Winter the Squirrels were a great source of entertainment as they chased

each other around the Ash tree trunk and raced through the branches, until branches were hacked off preventing them being able to go from one tree to the other. To replace the mature Ash tree with either a Silver Birch or a Rowan tree would not be appropriate.

Again I beg you to reject Ms L M-Scott's application to destroy the Ash tree, and also ask you prevent her cutting back any more of the Oak tree branches.

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Ms Francesca Crozier.

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Attention:
Mr James Remmington
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Division Appeals and Enforcement Team

Planning Application References: 2017/1308/T
25-27 Nassington Road London NW3 2TX (TPO REF C753)
1 x Ash - Remove REGISTERED 08-03-2017

Dear Mr James Remmington,

I write to express my opposition to planning application 2017/1308/T.
I can see no good reason for these unnecessary proposed works.

I believe that both the Ash and the Oak trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them which is a highly significant fact not mentioned in the gardener's report requesting this planning permission for further tree pruning to the Oak and total removal of the Ash tree to provide light to a swimming pool.

I understand there has already been a significant loss of trees from these 2 gardens (at no 25 and no 27) in the past, during and following the construction of the swimming pool. Additionally, the remaining trees have had a great deal of subsequent thinning and pruning work, none of which appears to have added to the beauty of the trees. However, the Ash and the Oak are still lovely trees despite these years of lopping and pruning and, if left alone, could further develop into beautiful landscape trees as, presumably, the TPO's intended.

The gardener's application also crucially fails to mention the position of the railway (North London line) at the bottom of our gardens. The trees have a vital screening function from the railway, for most of the year, for the 6 other households in the upper floors of numbers 25 and 27 as well as neighbouring properties. This relates to view, privacy and noise reduction. Outlook is very important for me. The removal of the Ash and further pruning of the Oak would leave all 6 households on the upper floors of 25 and 27 looking directly into the railway and the particularly large and very ugly railway electrical installations situated at the bottom of the gardens.

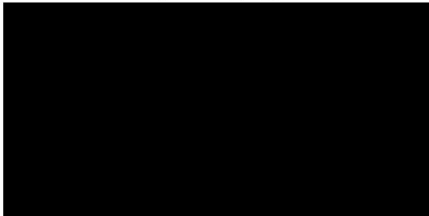
My only outdoor space is at the rear of the house overlooking these beautiful trees. They provide great pleasure and enjoyment to me and I believe to all the other neighbours at 25 and 27 (and adjoining) as well as the wider community of railway users and residents on the opposite side of the railway.

Contrary to the gardener's report, I have not noticed much wildlife in the pool but have noticed the pump for circulating the water is often either broken or switched off - in any event not working. I sit often on the balcony and enjoy watching the birds in the Ash and the Oak. That is indeed a rich wildlife habitat as our neighbour at number 27, a keen bird watcher, can confirm.

These trees also have a significant function in respect of air quality. Serious concerns about air pollution levels in London surely make the protection of large mature trees (as intended by the TPO's) of increasing importance not less.

I make no comment about the third tree included in this application as I am not sure which tree this refers to.

I consider that the Ash and Oak trees should now be left to mature as a community asset and recover from years of unnecessary tree works. I am, therefore, opposed to this planning application.



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