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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN TREE PRESERVATION ORDER No. C728

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 14 (2) (a) OF WORKS URGENTLY NECESSARY TO
REMOVE AN IMMEDIATE RISK OF SERIOUS HARM AT NO. 2 FITZROY CLOSE,
HIGHGATE**

We write on behalf of our client to inform you of their intention to fell one tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order at No. 2 Fitzroy Close, Highgate, specifically one flowering cherry. Recent inspection has revealed that this tree requires urgent works to remove an immediate risk of serious harm, and thus under Section 14 (1) (c) of the Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 it is exempt from the requirement to submit a formal application for consent for removal.

The tree is located near the northern boundary of the site in a dual-purpose retaining wall and raised planter adjacent to Fitzroy Close, and is identified as no. 22 on the attached tree works plan.

The tree is subject to the London Borough of Camden Tree Preservation Order No. C728.

The tree is small in size, 7m in height, and with a trunk diameter of 317mm measured at 1.5m above ground level.

A recent inspection of this tree has identified significant physiological defects. The tree has been declining over recent years, and as can be seen from **Photograph #1** overleaf, the upper canopy is now dead, and there is only live foliage in the lower canopy on the north-east side. Consequently, the tree is now considered moribund; that is, in a state of decline and close to death, displaying a lack of vitality and genetic vigour.



Photograph #1: showing the lack of foliage within the upper and western portions of the canopy.

As a consequence of the significant dieback within the canopy, the branches which overhang Fitzroy Close are now at imminent risk of collapse, posing a significant risk of harm to both pedestrians and vehicles using the road.

Pruning of the tree has been considered as a possible way of managing the risks, but has been discarded as likely to be ineffective in view of the extensive deadwood and little remaining live canopy: it would leave only the lower trunk and the two lowest branches to the north-east, meaning that it's natural habit and visual amenity will be lost.

On the basis of these findings, our client is arranging for this tree to be felled and removed at the earliest opportunity.

We trust this information is sufficient for your purposes, but please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further information you require.

Yours faithfully

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