

To whom it may concern,

We, Mrs. Susan Zur-Szpiro and Mr. Michael Zur-Szpiro, owners/occupiers of 231 Goldhurst Terrace, London NW6 3EP, are writing to you in support of Mr Robert Gold's application to remove more than the 30% of the tree mentioned in his application. We are the next door neighbours of Mr and Mrs Gold, at 229 Goldhurst Terrace, and have lived in our house for over 30 years. In that time, we have seen the tree grow from a large tree in keeping with a London garden to an absolutely enormous tree over hanging our garden.


The reasons for our support are;

1. Light; As that tree has become increasingly large it has significantly reduced the light and view into our garden, which curtails our enjoyment of the garden and the property as a whole.
2. The tree takes away light into the back rooms of our house every summer.
3. The leaves cause us major issues every autumn as they fall into our garden. Clearing away the leaves is both costly and time consuming.
4. The branches of these trees have continued to grow to the size of tree trunks and cause risk to our property and our family. In past storms, branches have indeed fallen off and a few years ago a huge branch fell that broke the garden wall between our homes and missed our house literally by an inch. We are always anxious that a further branch may fall, in the event of a big storm, and injure someone or damage our property. Due to our past experience this is a realistic fear.
5. We were assessed to install satellite TV signal a few years ago but were advised by the Sky engineer not to go ahead due to the blocking of signal caused by the tree so we have never been able to make use of this technology that is available to most people in the UK. Clearly, the Sky representative would not have made this recommendation if we could have received the signal as Sky is in the business of selling satellite TV service!

Given that we are only asking for an extra pruning of the tree and not to have it taken down, we do not believe this violates the spirit or the letter of Camden's tree policy in that pruning more than 50% will not (a) kill the tree, (b) fell it or (c) contribute to increased risk of subsidence or change the micro-climate.

We like the foliage of our neighbourhood and around our house and would like to commend Camden on their tree policy. However, when trees get excessively large for the area and are continuing to grow, we feel that exceptions need to be made and therefore we ask that you to allow greater pruning of the plane tree at 229 Goldhurst Terrace.

Kind Regards,


Susan Zur-Szpiro and Michael Zur-Szpiro

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