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**From:** Bell, Nick  
**Sent:** 31 July 2017 12:44  
**To:** Kevin Leitao  
**Cc:** Planning; info@graftingardeners.co.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Dangeours Tree at 43 Russel Square, Bloomsbury, London, WC1H0DG

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your email. I have just returned from the British Museum where I viewed the horse chestnut tree having spoken to Adam Arnold from Grafting Gardeners this morning. I am in agreement that the tree is in a hazardous state and is therefore exempt from the notification process that relates to carrying out tree works in conservation area. We have no records of a TPO for this tree.

It may be preferable to reduce the tree to a monolith immediately under the recent wound rather than remove the tree in its entirety as removing the stump satisfactorily may prove difficult given the access and the hard standing. No further interaction with The Council is required in order to proceed with the works. Formal confirmation of this will follow shortly but you are not required to wait for it before carrying out the works.

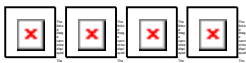
Planning Technician: Please log in my name as: 1x horse chestnut – DD - fell to ground level/create monolith beneath recent wound – rear garden of 43 Russell Square, London WC1H 0DG.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

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**From:** Kevin Leitao [mailto:KLeitao@britishmuseum.org]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2017 10:24  
**To:** Bell, Nick <Nick.Bell@camden.gov.uk>; Gary.oxford@camden.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Dangeours Tree at 43 Russel Square, Bloomsbury, London, WC1H0DG

Good day

I was given your email addresses by the switchboard.

We have a dangerous tree at one of the British Museums properties at 43 Russel Square, Bloomsbury, London, WC1H0DG.

One of the trees branches fell off after a storm on the weekend and a tree surgeon attended site to carry out an investigation and assess the damage. The tree has severe cracking and we have been advised that the best course of action would be to remove the tree for health and safety reasons. I believe there is a TPO on the tree so we wanted to inform you of works.

We are arranging the tree surgeon to attend site today to make the tree safe.

Please contact me should you have any queries.

Regards

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