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| 2017/4370/T | Susan Collins | 129 Camden Mews | 15/08/2017 14:16:27 | OBJ | <p>I am very concerned at the proposal to fell three mature trees in this conservation area. These trees should be protected by their Tree Preservation Orders.</p> <p>I understand that the application to fell has been made due to subsidence and insurance claims? It may be worth pointing out that other properties in the mews suffered subsidence following excavations for a basement (at no 110) and not due to trees, so there re likely to be other causes for the subsidence (especially if only appearing since 2015) than these trees. Has this been investigated? This would seem a much more likely cause given that the trees have been there for well over half a century with no previous problems. It would be tragic to fell these trees without due investigation only to find that the problem persists and it was not the trees after all. It would take 50 years or more to get them back. And why such a rush to fell? It is such a radical irreversible approach. In the unlikely event the cause of subsidence is eventually proven to be the trees, then why not explore simply reducing the tree canopy instead?</p> <p>These trees are essential, not only for the character of this part of the conservation area but crucially to help with pollution. Both noise pollution from Camden Park Road, as the trees act as noise absorbers, and also, very significantly air pollution. This part of the mews suffers enormously from heavy traffic and therefore air pollution from vehicles. The narrowness of the mews and the fact we have lost some gardens to new buildings in recent years means that the polluted air gets funnelled along and we are all suffering from increased levels as a result. The trees – especially trees this mature - are our only defence/solution to this situation.</p> <p>I would be extremely concerned at the removal of not one, not two, but three mature trees in this location at the behest of an insurance company. The fact that this is a conservation area and that these trees should be protected by their TPOs means that alternative causes and also solutions to the building issues should be investigated as a matter of urgency.</p> |

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