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**From:** johanna hosking [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Ref: 2017/4906/T - Willow removal at 26 Makepeace Avenue

Dear Planners at Camden,

I would like to object in the strongest terms to the proposal to remove a willow tree from the rear garden of 26 Makepeace Avenue.

I live at 27 Langbourne Avenue and the tree is directly behind me. There are two willows at the ends of the gardens behind us and they do a very important job of aiding the drainage of water from under our houses.

As I am sure you are aware, there are springs all over the hill and I have noticed that even when the trees are pollarded (before they have regrown), my garden is positively boggy all the way down to my back door.

The first time one of the trees was pollarded I actually contacted my neighbours behind me to find out if they had left a hose running or were emptying out a pond.

We have a bit of an issue with damp in these houses in the winter months (I know that number 31 is particularly bad) and I have had some damp proofing work done at my property. Anything we can do to attenuate some of the water further up the hill (i.e. by the trees) is absolutely essential.

As an additional point, I would like to say that the tree is very old and very beautiful and gives us a very lovely view and great privacy from the neighbours above us and I would also like to object to its removal on that basis. No 26 has some rather unattractive terraces on the back of the house (development that I think would no longer be allowed) and the tree screens those for us.

Many thanks,

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