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**Sent:** 11 September 2017 11:17  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Ref:2017/4906T (Objection to removal of mature willow tree at 26 Makepeace Avenue N6 6EJ)

Camden Tree Team

Dear sir/madam

I am responding to your letter of 01 September 2017 (Ref: 2017/4906/T) regarding removal of the mature willow tree at the bottom of the garden of 26 Makepeace Avenue. Our garden at 29 Langbourne avenue is directly below on the slope sharing a fence.

Both my wife and I would like to register our strong objection to the proposed removal of the willow tree. It is a mature willow tree successfully pruned and managed by previous owners over the years. There has never been any need for its removal.

Not only does it helps with cleansing the air of pollutants, providing mutual privacy when in leaf and habitat for birds, it most importantly keeps the soil and its moisture content stable. Removal of a mature tree like this on a sloping ground with many little springs flowing down will very adversely affect our garden and the house further below. The willow extracts a good deal of excess water from the ground to release into the atmosphere. Its removal will disturb the existing balance. As the tree is located at the very end of the garden on a south facing slope, it does not cause any loss of light in spring and summer when the sun is higher in the sky or in winter when there are no leaves.

We also believe the proposed removal of the willow by the new owners of the plot without considering options of its maintenance would be against everybody's concern for protection of green spaces and the environment in the Holly Lodge conservation area.

We would like to emphasize again the potential adverse effects of the removal on soil drainage and increased flow of water down to our side. You are welcome to visit the site and our garden anytime before any decisions are made.

Please let us know of registering of these objections and if you need further information.

Yours sincerely

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