



I am writing in response to learning that there is a proposal to fell the oak tree at the back of the garden at 7 Wedderburn Road.

I live at 3 Lyndhurst Gardens which backs directly onto 7 Wedderburn Road and I object to this proposal on a number of grounds.

The proposal, made by an estate agent, states that the tree is suffering from dieback and that "the leaves which are left on the tree are very sparse". The contrary is true. I am attaching a number of photographs showing the tree healthy and very vigorous in growth. The photographs were taken only two weeks ago.

My flat is on the second floor of 3 Lyndhurst Gardens and one of the main reasons I bought the flat over 25 years ago was the beauty of the spreading greenery and branches of the oak tree which overhangs my terrace and the back garden of 3 Lyndhurst Gardens. All along the backs of the houses between Wedderburn Road and Lyndhurst Gardens are oak and other marvellous trees and it is one of the great aspects of the character of the neighbourhood that there are so many wonderful trees both on the streets and providing a natural border and screen between the backs of the houses which can be seen from the roads themselves. They are a wonderful feature of the area and should be protected rather than destroyed.

As you will see from the photographs, the oak tree at 7 Wedderburn Road is flourishing. There is no shortage of leaves - far from it. The tree and its growth each year provides great visual amenity and pleasure, as well as the pleasure of the different types of birds that sit and sing on its branches throughout the spring and summer. There are also many squirrels which run up and down the tree and its branches. It is ecologically of great value.

It is hard to understand why this proposal has been made in light of the health of the tree. It is clearly not in major decline.

I request that the tree rather than being felled be put under a Preservation Order. It has not been established if the tree is indeed suffering from dieback. The statement that the leaves "left on" it are "very sparse" is both very misleading and very inaccurate, as the photographs illustrate. Oaks are trees which live to a great age. This tree is still in good health and there are no grounds for any certainty that it will not continue to flourish for very many years. The proposal to fell the tree is dramatic and shocking and suggests little knowledge of it and of the great visual and ecological amenity it provides.

Please would you confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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