



Dear Sir / Madam

Please excuse me if I have sent this email to an incorrect address. Unfortunately, it was very difficult - no, impossible - to find a direct email address on the Camden website, so I am using this as one I have used previously on other matters.

If it does not get 'bounced back' to me, I will assume that it has gone through, and trust you will forward it to your colleagues in the planning department.

I understand that I need to give notice / obtain planning consent for the removal of a tree within a conservation area.

I live at 33 Spencer Rise, NW5 1AR, and have done since 2013. It is in my small garden that the tree is located (so small that a plan is not necessary).

I have a beautiful American lilac, which despite its 45 degree inclination, until this summer, each year blossomed forth with considerable vigour. For the first time this summer the same did not happen. On close inspection I noted deep fissures on all parts of the trunk and branches of the tree, parallel to the trunk / branches, and the tree is evidently dead. As my knowledge of tree physiology is limited, I contacted a friend who is a professional woodsman, who confirmed that the tree will not recover, although the cause of its death remains uncertain.

I am aware that dead wood can provide highly valuable wildlife in its own right. However, I have concluded that the tree occupies an awkward position sprawling accorss the whole garden and also, in a dead state, poses a risk, to the children in my family who use the garden. Consequently, I intend to remove the tree.

I attach a picture of the tree that clearly shows its position in the garden, as well as three photographs of the trunk / branches showing the fissures.

Should you have any idea what may have caused its death, I would be most interested in your observations.

In the meantime, please accept this communication as the 5 days notice I am required to give (according to <https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/two/planning-applications/before-you-apply/residential-and-business->

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where it states:

If a tree is ... located within a conservation area but is dead, dying or dangerous, then the normal application process is waived. However, you must give us five days notice of your intentions to carry out any work.

If you can get in touch before the 5 days is up, I would be happy to delay its removal for a while in order that you may have a look. But ideally I would like to remove it before my 2 year old granddaughter arrives on 20th June.

Thanks you for your attention.

Greg Carson



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