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Tree Team

To whom it concerns.

I would like to make it clear as to my objections to the proposed cutting down of a large London Plane Tree. The application came through the House Insurance of the Ground floor and Basement Freeholder at 53 Oakley Square. The tree is in the back corner of 53 Oakley Square which is next door to [REDACTED] Oakley Square.

The tree is on council property. I am alarmed that the first suggestion is to cut down the tree as apposed to underpinning the extension. I am certain that the insurance company are simply trying to save the cost of underpinning. They have even confirmed this see Copy 'A'. I also believe they have not taken any soil samples. I can not believe that the tree could affect next door as my house/building is much closer to the tree and hasn't caused any disturbance. I am guessing that the extension where the cracks appeared must have shallow foundations.

I was told that cutting down such a large tree would cause more problems with the extra water in the soil. I am aware that this summer was very hot and that the ground drying out can cause subsidence.

It is a pity I never saw this threat coming and that I should have had a preservation Order (TPO) place on the tree. I have read that " tree roots are not strong enough to physically push Buildings around".

I would be happy to have the tree seen by an alternative surveyor if need be.

After all the trees that are going to be cut down in Camden because of HS2 surely we can keep this magnificent tree.

I have included photos in this email.







