

From: Caroline Bloch [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 October 2018 14:27
To: Bell, Nick [REDACTED]
Subject: Yew Tree in the garden of Boscastle house

Dear Nick Bell,

Given that this Yew Tree is one of quite a large group of very old trees that are in the gardens of Grove Terrace and Boscastle Road (see below in italics, the text of my opposition to its removal sent to the Council) it would seem a terrible shame to remove it just because it is hardly visible from the road. Surely other residents are 'the public' too. Further, as the owners of Grove Terrace mews, the residents of the Terrace have been fighting for years to keep the mews as an area of dark space in the city at night in the interests of the local wildlife. The removal of the yew tree would not only increase light pollution in the mews, but remove important habitat too.

Please reconsider your position.

Thank you,

Caroline Bloch. [REDACTED]

I would like to strongly OPPOSE the felling of the yew tree in the garden of Boscastle House.

This tree is of the same age and size as the many yew trees in the gardens of Grove Terrace (The Grade II listed terrace that backs onto Boscastle Road) If this tree is cut down this will remove one of a group of trees that indicates that this was once sanctified land. Cf Gillian Tindall, "The Fields Beneath" who also points out (p58), that William FitzStephen (d circa 1190), wrote in his Survey of London that St Pancras (which covered this area) was famous for its Yew Trees.*

It would seem a very sad thing that we could lose a historic yew tree, in perfect health and of good shape for no particular reason.

It is part of the character of the gardens of the houses in this area that there are trees; there have even been owls nesting in the garden of Boscastle House (I owned this house between 1983 and 1991) and the removal of such a tree will lead to loss of habitat.

At the moment this tree shields the houses in Grove Terrace from the view of Boscastle House. Removing this tree will allow a lot of light pollution into Grove Terrace Mews and the houses in Grove Terrace, especially as so much new glazing has been allowed in the developments to the rear of the house.



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