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10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Sir,

**Application No 2018/4532/T**

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.

Yours Faithfully,



Caroline Bloch.