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Subject: Ref 2018/4778/T Tree Team - Urgent works to trees in conservation area

Dear Sir/Madam

Many thanks for your letter in regard to the proposed tree works at 82 Compayne Gardens, London, NW6 3RU.

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Number 82 has chosen to build an overly large extension, destroying the little piece of green outlook and now they want to totally urbanise the whole plot from the viewpoint of the surrounding neighbours. The extension has already drastically narrowed down the green corridor between gardens which created space for wildlife to move about, a lack of wildlife sightings has already been noted since.

We oppose the removal of the trees in particular the evergreen Cypress trees as they create all year round interest as well as privacy for residents. In terms of wildlife and preserving green areas throughout winter, this is also terrible news. The foliage provides shelter for garden birds when deciduous trees are not in leaf. Finches and House Sparrows which are now endangered have been spotted in the Cypress and Purple Plum. We believe the Cypress trees should be routinely kept under control so they do not interfere with the Sycamore however they should not be cut down.

The preservation of established trees and green space adds value to the nearby properties and boosts the mental health of the nearby residents, many of us choosing to live in this road due to the outlook of trees which would be no more if they were to be stripped down.

We were appalled that the Judas Tree out the front of number 82 was chopped down with no prior warning to near by residents and neighbours. This impressive specimen was well known in the area and was a feature of the street. In spring many photographers used to visit in order to capture the prolific display of blossom. The tree also attracted bees and pollinators, something we are fighting hard to protect in London.

It is ironic that this month the Woodland Trust and The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy are holding a ballot as part of the National Park City Initiative to encourage London to plant more trees in effort to conserve green spaces, encouraging positive mental health and wildlife and here on our street we have the destruction of established trees. Last month was also The People's Walk For Wildlife lead by Conservationist and presenter of BBC's Springwatch, Chris Peckham. Packham along with many other wildlife experts marched to raise awareness of the plight of Britain's nature, the destruction of native and non-native trees in London gardens was a huge talking point.

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Yours faithfully,

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