

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/4754/T	Bloomsbury Association	12/10/2018 18:10:31	COMMNT	<p>The Bloomsbury Association wishes to make the following comments on the proposal to fell tree T76, which is protected by a TPO, as are all other trees in Bedford Square Gardens.</p> <p>It seems a major step to fell one of two mature trees in close proximity at the centre of the Gardens that are of high visual significance.</p> <p>The submitted document titled 'Urban London plane tree dieback linked to fungi in the Botryosphaeriaceae' states in its introduction: "In order to reduce the financial costs, it is thus sound to ascertain whether <i>C. platani</i> is really present or not. Genetic identification comes then as a choice tool to help in the management of plane tree canker stain and in the decision to apply or not severe felling and disinfection measures." From the information accompanying the application, it seems no sampling to confirm the presence of <i>Neofusicoccum parvum</i> on plane T76 has been carried out. It appears that visual inspection has been relied on to confirm the pathogen when, in recent previous arboricultural surveys, this has not been evident. We suggest confirmation by sampling should be sought.</p> <p>Because of its high visual significance and prominent position in the Gardens, more detail of the size of replacement planting would be advisable.</p>

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