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Sent: 24 January 2019 09:31
To: Little, Tom [REDACTED]
Cc: Simon, Tom (Councillor) [REDACTED] James Earnshaw [REDACTED]
Subject: Trees in garden between 10 Adamson Rd and 58 Eton Avenue - 2019/0021/T

Dear Tom,

I gather that Tom Simon gave you a call about this case yesterday. My girlfriend and I live in [REDACTED] Eton Avenue, and our flat looks out over the two trees in the garden of 10 Adamson Road that are at risk of removal. Both trees are clearly visible as you walk along Eton Avenue from Swiss Cottage tube station, and also give substantial shade to our shared garden at [REDACTED] Eton Avenue. They are also clearly visible from our flat, and when walking up our communal stairs. We would like Camden Council to put TPOs on both trees please.

We would like to object to this application to cut both trees down on the following grounds:

1. **Size & Age** - Both are large trees, taller than our four storey building. I'm not sure when they were planted, but this must have been a long time ago, and it would be a terrible waste to cut them down unnecessarily. Do you know when they were planted?
2. **Screening** - Especially in the spring / summer / autumn months, both trees significantly screen our view of the backs the houses along Adamson Road. The character of our flat, and also the experience of sitting in our garden during the summer, would be substantially changed if either of these trees are removed.
3. **Impact on air pollution** - Your Camden website states that 9,400 people die each year due to air pollution, and it is well known that more trees are needed to improve our air quality. We should be planting more trees, not cutting either of these down! This is well explained in this BBC article (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-37813709>), along with a wide range of other sources.
4. **Impact on wildlife** - there are many birds that live in and use these two trees, and cutting down these two trees would destroy their habitat, as well as for a group of squirrels that live in/around these two trees.
5. **Risk of setting an unwelcome precedent** - if you were to approve cutting these two trees down, I would be very worried that this would make it easier for someone to get approval to cut down a large tree in the next door garden that has an even stronger impact on our flat and wider surroundings.

I appreciate that the garden wall is in need of repair, but I do not see any convincing argument as to why this requires the removal of either tree. When we did some work on the garden of [REDACTED] Eton Avenue in 2015, we raised the issue of the garden wall with people in 10 Adamson Road, but they refused to get the wall fixed, and there was no suggestion that either of the trees needed to be cut down. We have had no information about what whether we are required to contribute to the cost of repairing this wall, or when this is likely to take place.

If it would help, I can send you pictures to support my arguments above, and you are very welcome to visit us [REDACTED] As well as cc'ing Tom Simon, I have also cc'd James Earnshaw who works for our property management company, Lewis & Tucker.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Henry



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