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To: Nick Bell
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re: Application 2019/2067/T. 11 Maude Wilkes Close London NW5 2QQ

Dear Nick Bell

Following our telephone conversation last week, I am objecting to this application as it stands, for two reasons:

1. The heading of the application is incorrect. This London Plane Tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Therefore the Application heading must be retitled 2019 / 2067 / **TPO**.
2. The recommendation from Complete Tree Care is to "Crown reduce ...by 3m to previous reduction points. Lift by 5m." I do not object to the Crown reduction, but I do object to "Lift by 5m" if this lift is from the lower branches. This would reduce this magnificent tree to a wholly ridiculous horizontal shape. I am asking for the application wording to be clarified, so that it states "Lift by 5m **from the ground**." The tree was previously lifted 5m from the ground, and no branches are visible there. There is quite a lot of dead material on the trunk, which could be cleared away.
3. Spring is the wrong time of year to prune a London Plane. When one is looking to refine the shape of the crown and undertake formative pruning, the best time to do this is between October and February. Please stipulate that any work on the tree will be delayed until then.

Please reply and confirm that these amendments have been made, and that Complete Tree Care has been informed. This is very important because the tree surgeons will come along with their chain saws and chop off as far up as instructed, so it needs to be made very clear that no lower branches are to be lopped off.

My windows overlook this wonderful tree, and I will be heartbroken if its shape is ruined.

Yours Sincerely

Caroline Hill

