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Subject: Comment concerning your ref: 2019 / 4491 / T

Dear councillors and council officers,

I do not live in Maresfield Gardens but I am a frequent guest of longstanding of Victoria Brittain who lives in the garden flat of 27 Maresfield Gardens.

I have been very disturbed to hear that there has been a proposal to fell two very well tended poplar trees in Ms Brittain's garden and two sycamores in the garden immediately behind hers. I hope you will reject this proposal.

As an asthma sufferer I am very conscious of air pollution and am impressed with the purity of the air at 27 Maresfield Gardens despite being so close to the Finchley Road - no doubt assisted by the presence of these majestic trees. I am sure Camden borough is resolved to reduce its carbon footprint at every opportunity. When we are all being urged to plant as many trees as possible to offset global warming, it would seem reckless to destroy these mature trees.

I am a councillor on a council very much smaller than Camden in Oxfordshire. We have a tree policy that if a tree has of necessity to be felled because it is rotten and dangerous, its loss should be made good by the planting of a new tree. I don't know if Camden has a similar policy but, even if it has, it is clear young small trees would not for many years make anything like the same contribution to the general wellbeing as the existing, healthy trees here.

From an amenity point of view - less crucial to the community at large but of great importance to people living in the locality of Maresfield Gardens and Netherhall Gardens - the loss of these beautiful trees and the aesthetic pleasure, privacy and shade they provide would be grave indeed.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Oldfield