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Subject: FW: Comments on 2019/6391/T have been received by the council. 9 Maresfield Gardens

Tom

As you know we have recently faced a large number of applications/approvals for felling trees to properties at the southern end of Maresfield Gardens.

I attach my objections to the proposed felling of the mature Sycamore at 9 Maresfield Gardens where there is currently extensive work to redevelop including a new basement.

In addition I attach my photographs showing the sycamore and its relationship to the Oak (to the south) and Lime (to the north) Unlike the poor photograph submitted with the application, it clearly shows a healthy mature tree and its good relationship to the two mature trees with which it forms an important grouping in this southern end of Maresfield Gardens. These three trees should be protected by a TPO and their felling resisted.

The planning approval for the building works calls for the trees to be protected and for them to be monitored during the building works. I saw no reference to this in this submission to fell the Sycamore.

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On 06/01/2020, 13:50, "planning@camden.gov.uk" <planning@camden.gov.uk> wrote:

The Sycamore (T2) is mature and makes a significant contribution to the streetscape, forming an important grouping with the mature Lime to the north and Oak to the south. The Sycamore is not relatively young as the application suggests and it would be difficult to replace with a plant of "similar size" as the application also suggests.

The submitted arboriculturist report is not current having been submitted with a planning application in 2016 following a specialist inspection 3 1/2 years ago on 24 June 2016. Furthermore the report states the wall and pavement has been disturbed. The wall was relatively recently rebuilt and there is no significant evidence of disturbance whilst the highway pavement has recently been relaid and shows no disturbance. The tree is of a good shape and appears to be in a good condition with no evidence of poor growth or dead or damaged branches. The report states the sycamore has suffered under the canopy of the adjacent trees. This is not the case being 6 metres apart from the

nearest tree (Lime to north) with clear healthy independent growth of branches. The lime is also to the north of the Sycamore and therefore casts no shade upon it. It is not "overwhelmed" as the report states. The only possible effect on the health of the Sycamore is the excessive relatively recent introduction of hard surfaces in the forecourt which is impervious to water. A replacement tree of "similar size and species" would suffer similarly from lack of water.

The Sycamore is healthy and makes an important contribution to the Streetscape. Its felling should therefore be refused and a TPO placed on all three trees: Oak, Sycamore and Lime.

The accompanying form states a felled Sycamore will be replaced by a tree of similar size. We question whether this will and can be done. No information was submitted with this or the earlier approved planning application for the extensive work currently being carried out on the building.

The NNA therefore ask for a TPO to be placed on the tree and the application to fell be refused.

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