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To: Planning [REDACTED]
Subject: 37A Steele's Road NW3 4RG

Reference: Your letter 2020/0164/T dated 15 January 2020

To the attention of the Tree Team

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have reviewed online the details of the proposals related to your above mentioned letter.

I have major objections to the radical proposal to fell the London Plane tree [REDACTED] at 37 Steele's Road, mainly on the following grounds:

- 1) This is a tree which has been designated as an 'important tree' and classified as having 'A' level value in various assessments in the past. It is over a hundred years old and in an Arboricultural Appraisal Report dated 08.06.2017, the recommendation for its maintenance has been to trim it every few years. I can present copies of relevant reports upon request.
- 2) This tree is very far away from the property mentioned in the proposals and I would need to see concrete evidence of its roots reaching the foundations of the said property to cause the damage suggested.
- 3) I have spoken with the owners of the property in question and they are not aware of any such proposals. They mentioned it must be their insurers who have taken the liberty to initiate such action.
- 4) Many houses on Steeles Road and several others on Chalcot Gardens (the adjacent gardens) have experienced cracks and minor subsidence in recent years, believed to be the result of consecutive dry summers. It is possible that the clay soil would have produced these results without the presence of the trees but to determine this would need a scientific investigation.

I therefore request that Camden Council carry out an independent survey to establish the validity of these claims so that due process can be followed. I will be happy to commission a trimming of my plane tree this winter if it is deemed to be beneficial for the neighbouring gardens. However, felling to ground of this tree is something I will strongly object to and will take every possible legal action to prevent.

Kind regards,

Robert Paul McMillen
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