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Ref. No. 2020/0595/T 14 Prince Arthur Road, London, NW3 6AU

I am saddened by the application to fell this sycamore to ground level. In the application it is stated that this tree is in the rear garden and 'not particularly visible from the public realm'. In fact the tree is located in a side garden/parking area which fronts Prince Arthur Road and is clearly visible from the pavement and surrounds. Although this tree may well be self seeded it is now a mature specimen which provides a valuable addition to the urban landscape as well as providing a diverse and important habitat for invertebrates, birds, and small mammals.

I note that 'the owners are willing to provide £500 private funding to the Council to enable a new street tree nearby'. New plantings are of course always welcome but they cannot compensate for the loss of older, established trees which are important existing natural resources and therefore ecologically valuable.

I am aware that there are occasions when trees are in the way of development but given that Camden Council have self declared a 'climate emergency challenge' it is pertinent to consider this in every planning decision no matter how insignificant it may seem.

I am opposed to the felling of a healthy local tree. In this time of climate awareness and building innovation is there really no way that this tree can be retained and allowed to thrive?

Yours,  
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