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2020/0915/T	Henry Freeman	05/03/2020 16:23:53	OBJNOT	Dear Tom Little,

I have been advised to write to you directly, rather than to continue arguing with Scott and John in this way. There is a severe conflict of evidence as to 1) which particular tree is in question 2) whether the tree is visible from the road and 3) whether it is actually diseased and/or dangerous.

Can you please confirm that, subject to being sure which tree we are talking about, John cannot proceed without an amendment to the existing TPO? And are there any additional issues that arise because we live in a conservation area? These trees make an important positive contribution to the appearance and character of our local area. I also understand that, as this tree has a TPO, an engineer's report is also required to support John's application, as well as the report from John's tree surgeon Acacia Tree Surgery (see quote from Elizabeth Beaumont's email below). Has this engineer's report been submitted to you, including the required monitoring data?

It seems reasonable to insist on an independent report on the state of the tree (i.e. not one from someone with a financial interest in felling it), and that Camden should uphold the existing TPO already in place. There is no doubt in my mind that you correctly put a TPO on this tree last year – you and I reviewed this in your site visit on 29th Jan 2019. There was no misunderstanding about the two trees then in question (one of which was felled earlier this year), and their location in relation to the trees at 8 and 12 Adamson Road respectively.

I have reviewed John's map that he has used to question the correct location / identification of the tree, and I have marked up the areas in yellow from which all the trees in question are clearly visible from Eton Avenue, Winchester Road, outside the Hampstead Theatre, and outside the Hall School on Crossfield Road. These are all areas with significant public footfall every day of the week.

Scott and John have talked about supposed potential damage to people caused by this tree, and I spoke to my neighbour Natia yesterday about this who lives in Flat 8, 58 Eton Avenue (her SOAS contact info is cc'd on this email). Natia's 6 year old daughter Cecilia has recently decided to become vegetarian because she is worried about climate change, and their kitchen window looks out directly onto this tree (her three young children love to see the birds sitting on the branches). Perhaps we should all reflect on the damage that cutting this tree down will have on the emotional wellbeing of Natia's children? What message would Camden Council be sending Cecilia by approving the removal of this tree? This little girl wants to put a scarf around the tree with the message "Save Our Tree", and there will be an article about this soon in the Camden New Journal.

Perhaps the best way of resolving this is for you to please conduct another site visit with all of us in attendance, including Cllr Tom Simon – would that be an acceptable way forward? At the moment there is too much doubt and bad feeling on both sides of this argument, and we all want this problem to be resolved amicably.

Best regards,

Henry

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2020/0915/T	Victor Smith	06/03/2020 17:29:47	OBJ	<p>In this period of climate emergency and disconnection from the natural environment, it's really sad that someone's determined to make Camden even less green than it is already. The tree is a valuable part of a historic community and conservation area, and contrary to claims made, the tree is not decaying, unhealthy, or dangerous. In fact, a Tree Protection Order was put on the tree only last year, and without a new independent report to prove why the TPO was wrong, felling the tree would not be about safety, but selfishness. A living and growing tree is far more important to the local environment than a wall or pavement, as stones can be replaced but a mature tree cannot. Camden has declared a climate emergency, and as a Camden resident and member of Extinction Rebellion Camden, I am urging the Council to act on this and preserve our trees.</p>

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2020/0915/T	Nicole verity	05/03/2020 16:53:48	OBJ	<p>Dear Camden</p> <p>I was shocked to see this application to fell yet another tree in Camden. After visiting the location of this tree I can see that :</p> <p>Trees are particular to the area and provide the much appreciated atmosphere of this historical area. I understand that this is a conservation area too.</p> <p>This tree is visible from at least three local roads.</p> <p>Quite rightly this tree is and should be protected by as TPO. I do not believe this is a mistake.</p> <p>Should anyone suggest the tree is dangerous a full independent report needs to be produced which I would want shared in this site for all to read.</p> <p>Camden - you have declared a CLIMATE EMERGENCY - while others issues may be harder for you to battle against and to change this is a very simple way for you to walk the talk and say ABSOLUTELY NOT to the felling of this tree.</p>
2020/0915/T	Julian Hallam	05/03/2020 09:03:01	OBJ	<p>This tree was deemed to be sound by the council last year, so why is it being cut down? Camden Council have declared a climate emergency. Cutting down trees is in direct contravention of this declaration. This tree does not pose a risk to the public. It's a beautiful tree and I don't want it to be cut down under any circumstances.</p>
2020/0915/T	Sarah Gunton	05/03/2020 09:55:02	OBJ	<p>Please can we see the independent report showing how the tree has changed from last year when the TPO was put on and the now.</p> <p>The removal of a second tree from this property means neighbours and residents suffer twice the consequences.</p> <p>We need Trees to absorb the carbon that we produce.</p>

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2020/0915/T	Henry Freeman	05/03/2020 08:35:58	OBJ	<p>In strong disagreement to the comments posted so far here, I object to this deeply unnecessary application to fell this tree. This is the second time John Tims has applied to cut down this tree, and a TPO was correctly put on it by Camden Council last year. John Tims very sadly cut down a second tree about a month ago because Camden Council failed to protect it properly. I'm in touch with Tom Little by email, as well as our Local Councillor Tom Simon, and the situation is much less clear than my neighbours are trying to present. This anti-tree agenda needs to be stopped! Claiming that it is dangerous or decayed is one of the oldest tricks in the book, and no convincing evidence has been provided that this is the case.</p> <p>Beyond the obvious environmental and Climate Change reasons for saving this tree (which I have already stated in my objections to the previous application to cut down this tree in 2019), my reasons for urging Camden Council to protect this tree are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) this tree is in a conservation area and cutting it down will damage the character of our historic local area. The density of trees is an important part of this character. It is large tree and it is taller than our building.</li> <li>2) This tree is clearly visible by the public from Eton Avenue, Winchester Road, entrance to the Hampstead Theatre, and entrance to the Hall School on Crossfield Road. Suggestions made by my neighbours that this tree is not clearly visible from the road are simply not true.</li> <li>3) This tree is protected by a TPO, and this decision was made correctly by Camden last year.</li> <li>4) No evidence has been provided that the tree is dangerous. A fully independent report is needed if there are any major concerns about the structural integrity of the tree. This should be commissioned by Camden Council, not by John Tims. The only information on tis provided so far is a quote from Acacia Tree Surgery for £450 to cu down the tree - this creates a clear financial conflict of interest, as Acacia will benefit from providing a view that tree is dangerous (when it isn't!).</li> <li>5) Camden Council approves the cutting down of far too many trees, with this one as an example. Saving this tree is part of a wider campaign to stop the unnecessary cutting down of our trees.</li> <li>6) Camden has declared a Climate Emergency, and it needs to follow through on those commitments. This includes protecting our mature trees like this one.</li> </ol>

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2020/0915/T	Marika Weinhardt	06/03/2020 13:13:29	OBJ	<p>- Camden Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency. As a society we should be planting trees not felling them. Please see here further details on some of the environmental benefits of trees: <a href="https://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/why-trees-climate-change">https://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/why-trees-climate-change</a> Not to mention providing a much-needed urban habitat for birds and insects etc.</p> <p>- Evidence shows that urban trees improve mental and general health: <a href="https://phys.org/news/2019-07-urban-trees-mental-health.html">https://phys.org/news/2019-07-urban-trees-mental-health.html</a> Those with mental health issues may be less able to advocate for their own interests.</p> <p>- This tree is in a conservation area and cutting it down will damage the character of a historic local area. Density of trees is an important part of this character.</p> <p>- This tree is clearly visible by the public from Eton Avenue, Winchester Road, the entrance to Hampstead Theatre, and the entrance to the Hall School on Crossfield Road.</p> <p>- This tree is protected by a TPO, and this decision was made correctly by Camden last year.</p> <p>- No evidence has been provided that the tree is dangerous. A fully independent report is needed if there are any major concerns about the structural integrity of the tree.</p>

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