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Sent: 24 April 2020 22:00

To: Little, Tom

Subject: Application ref: 2020/1596/T --- in support of the Ash tree to stay

Dear Mr Little.

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With great sadness it has come to my attention that the residents at 26 Daleham Gardens applied for permission to fell the great Ash tree in Daleham Gardens.

I have lived with my family in & around Hampsted / Belsize Park / Finchley road for the past 7 years (now at Belsize Park, previously at Prince Arthur Road and before that at Greencroft gardens) and we spend hours walking the streets in the area - Daleham Gardens being one of the most precious parts of Belsize Park that should be preserved.

One of the main reasons we love living is the area are particularly the green spaces around Belsize & Hampstead, including it's leafy streets & alleys - it's what makes this part of London special (hence the extremely high rents and property prices!!).

I understand that the tree could have some fungus, however it is my understanding that a normal (not excessive) fungus can be found on all established Ash trees and is not related to the Hymenoscyphus fracineus (Ash dieback disease). As such I count on the expert opinions to hopefully come to the conclusion that there is no danger of the tree falling and as such could be preserved for future generations.

It would be a tremendous loss to the area to fall this great tree down - especially at Daleham Gardens, given this is the sole really tall tree left in the area.

Kind regards,

Vid Mavcic