

Application No: 2020/2188/T
Consultees Name: [REDACTED]
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Response:

Dear Camden,

[REDACTED] wish to object to the felling of this TPO protected Lime tree T2 in the REAR garden of 226 Camden Road.

Katherine J.A. Holden was a building service engineer working for ARUP and who used to live and be the owner of flat 6 at 226 Camden Road. She was the secretary for their management company 226 Camden Road Ltd and was extremely diligent in organising all the regular maintenance of the Lime tree working with the tree contractor and Jean Went at Salter Rex, their managing agents.

Unfortunately, she sold the property in Nov / Dec 2010 and subsequently resigned from the management company in Jan 2011. Since she departed the regular maintenance of the tree with its crown reduction has not happened. Only the odd thinning out of the branches has occurred since she left. The tree canopy has subsequently been allowed to grow far too big and if anything, this is what needs to be addressed.

Cutting the whole tree down is extreme. A reduction to the crown by 30% with regular tree maintenance should resolve any of the movement problems, causing minor cracks to the property. These can easily be fixed by regular maintenance work carried out to the property.

If anything, attention should instead focus on the FRONT garden which has long been neglected. An Elder, Ash T3 and Holly tree have never received any tree maintenance work. The Ash tree T3 has grown so tall it now blocks out light from the street light on Camden Road - the A503. Cracks are also visible on the front wall and side wall on Camden Road. Vibration from the traffic on Camden Road will not be helping this issue.

The mature Lime tree T2 in the rear garden sits within our conservation area and adds to the asset rich tree canopy cover within our neighbourhood. This tree offers shade during the Summer months and absorbs rainwater during the Winter months. This all adds to the environmental concerns which Camden Council highlight acknowledging the global Climate emergency we are all facing.

This is why we need to retain our mature tree canopy cover across Camden. Cutting down mature trees in Camden must only be considered as a last resort.

Finally again, I wish to object to the felling of this TPO protected Lime tree T2 in the REAR garden of 226 Camden Road.

Your sincerely,

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