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Sent: 16 September 2020 08:22
To: Planning [REDACTED]
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Subject: 2020/4164/T

Dear Tree Allocation,

I am writing to object to this Notice of Intent. This tree is one of a group, clearly visible from Keats Grove and the garden to the side of St John's Church, Downshire Hill. It is within 'Keats & Downshire Gardens' 217 in Camden's Schedule of Open Spaces.

To "Reduce canopy by 30% approx. 3m from height and 2m from lateral branches to shape, thin remainder by 10%" is NOT "Routine maintenance", and when applied to one tree will make the others look unbalanced. If this were to reduce the tree slightly to take it back to past reductions and to blend in with the size and shape of the others this would be OK, but this looks to be the smaller of the trees and to take such dimensions from the height and canopy will make the group look unbalanced and detract from the tree's and trees' public amenity. Thinning merely encourages the tree to re-grow again and is an additional cost, which here looks unnecessary.

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