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Hello Planning team !

I hope that you are all well despite the recent Tier 4 news.

I am writing to object very strongly to plans to remove these two 150 year old trees.

I have lived in the neighbourhood since 1998 and I am aware that the air quality is not great in this part of Camden but trees improve it greatly. They remove CO2, toxins and particulate pollution from the air and generate oxygen. On top of that I feel the trees make the area more liveable and improve everyone's mood and mental health.

These trees can be seen in neighbouring streets and from several buildings in the area. They are close to the primary school St George the Martyr and children are especially vulnerable to diseases from poor air quality. The foliage is beautiful in the summer. It would be a great loss for all of us to lose these trees for all of these reasons.

There are structural engineering solutions to enable the trees to be retained.

Ash Sakula, the architects on Doughty Mews, are preparing a more technical objection with the help of structural engineers that provides engineering solutions to retain the trees together with 4 Doughty Mews. One engineer suggests that the solution may be as simple as using a flexible lime-based plaster to replaster the back wall at 4 Doughty Mews, and there are other more technical solutions.

It would be tragic to lose these historic trees in the New Year – we all need something positive in our lives right now! So I would be most grateful if you could reconsider this application.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Ash

