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Dear Sirs

Taking down a tree should always be considered as the last resort as it will have implications for both people and wildlife. Garden trees offer vital food and shelter for wildlife. Increasingly, as we cut down more trees, woodland and other habitats, wildlife simply has nowhere else to go. This causes mass declines in their numbers.

The trees near our homes also provide oxygen, reduce air pollution, and provide shade from the sun and shelter from harsh weather. They absorb carbon emissions, stabilise soils and reduce flooding by storing water, not withstanding the environmental value of the mature oak tree.

Good-sized trees in the garden will likely boost the financial value of the property too.

There are other alternatives to cutting the tree such as pollarding, amongst others. If the planning permission goes ahead there should be a proviso with a deadline for the tree to be replaced by a ratio of at least 3 to 1 to help make up for the loss of the tree - though it's likely the planted trees won't be able to match the benefits the felled tree provided for many years.

Living in London, a sensible approach must be taken for the well-being of the residents and protect the wildlife.

Yours faithfully

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