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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** 2020/5429/T - Objection [E-CASE: J04o2C, E-TICKET: ol24wF]

T1: Ash: Fell to ground level

T2: Elder Fell to ground level

As the Planning Portal is unavailable at the moment - Error Message 500-Internal Server Error- we are sending these comments to the Tree Section directly to register our objection to the above application.

The two trees in question, an Ash and an Elder, are in a conservation area, subject to TPO's and part of a healthy and valuable woodland group of trees between Honeybourne and Crediton Hill.

In 2016, the ash tree was reported in danger of extinction in Europe. The elder tree flowers provide nectar for a variety of insects and the berries are eaten by birds and wildlife. We object to this application to destroy them on the grounds that they are green assets, add value to the landscape and contribute to the character and amenity of the area.

The reason given by the applicant for felling them is 'Both trees are growing out of concrete and need to be removed'. As no photos are included and the scruffy drawing provided has little or no detail any alleged damage to property claimed is impossible to judge and leads to the impression that this is a cosmetic issue which could be mitigated. The disproportionate and extreme solution requested, since the trees have been growing there for some time, may be motivated more by a litter problem with their seeds and berries. Paving can be restored. Trees cannot. A large Ash tree with a TPO nearby @ Yale Court in October 2020, was managed with a much more sensible and responsible application for pruning back - see 2020/3900/T

The London Plan (7.64) says trees play an invaluable role in terms of the natural environment, air quality, adapting to and mitigating climate change, improving air quality and contributing to the biodiversity and character of London's neighbourhoods. Dozens of trees have been lost along Crediton Hill

and nearby roads in the past two years - a level of green vandalism which contradicts Camden's own CCS (Policy 15) committing the Council to "protecting trees" and its Tree Strategy (CCS 15.22) which aims to **retain trees- both on public and private land** saying "we will resist the loss of trees and groups of trees wherever possible".

There is strong public support for a more robust protection of existing trees

We request that you please refuse this application for the sake of local residents and in line with Camden's growing effort to maintain and sustain green resources for the community.

Thank you

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Best wishes, Mrs H. Hutchinson  
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