

**From:** Sarah Oppenheimer [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 11 January 2021 15:57

**To:** Planning [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Poplar tree

Dear Camden Council Planning Department.

**RE: 2020/5770/T**

I am the owner of flat 103A Torriano Avenue, and lived there for 11 years, although I am now a resident in Spain [REDACTED]

Due to my tenants being away over the Christmas break **I have ONLY JUST RECEIVED details for the application to remove a protected black poplar tree from my garden.**

I notice that the deadline for comments is the 4th January 2021. Given the particular circumstances, and the situation of my tenants being abroad and me living abroad, plus the holiday period, I think it is reasonable to ask that you understand that it was not possible for me to comment beforehand and hope that you will accept this submission.

The protected Black Poplar tree is pollarded every 5 years, and has been growing in the garden of 103A Torriano Avenue for many decades. I bought the flat in 1997 when it was already a mature tree. During all this time I carefully managed it to prevent issues of subsidence, and I am horrified to learn that removal has been requested without first looking into management options for such an important tree.

As you will know, [black poplars are extremely rare](#) nowadays, and this particular tree is extremely important for local wildlife, as well as being a source of great joy to neighbours and providing the environmental services of carbon sequestration, and air purification. When living in the flat 103A I saw a great many bird species use the tree, including the extremely rare [middle spotted woodpecker](#) which I was thrilled to have in my garden, but which I fear has probably disappeared from the area. A great many other local birds also visited the garden and tree and some nested in it.

I object absolutely to the removal of the tree, but am totally available to discuss improving its management to minimise adverse affects on neighbouring properties.

We all need to learn to live with more, rather than fewer trees in our cities. This is vital from a local through to a global scale, and as a supposed enlightened council on environmental matters, I am horrified that Camden has turned to such a drastic response to the problem.

[REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you, and if there are any other ways I should make my voice heard please do advise me. I will also be contacting the Woodland Trust for their advice.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Oppenheimer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sarah,

Happy new year! We hope you and all of your family are fine.

We received a letter from the council about the poplar tree cutting down works planned :( please find it in the attachment.

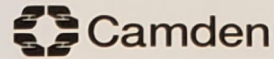
We're very sorry but we had absolutely no opportunity to inform you earlier as we got stuck abroad on our Russian family visit and just arrived yesterday late in the evening. We have no information as to when this letter actually arrived.

There was also a letter from the neighbors [REDACTED] which we also only discovered yesterday.

Please let us know if there is anything we can help with / you would like us to do. We will try to submit a comment to the application today (also mentioning squirrels) if we still can.

Anastasia.

[REDACTED]



Application ref: 2020/5770/T  
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Owner/Occupier  
Flat A  
103 Torriano Avenue  
LONDON  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

**THIS LETTER IS ABOUT : Application for Works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO**

The Council has received an application for proposed works to tree(s) located at the following address;

**103a Torriano Avenue  
London  
NW5 2RX**

The proposed work to the tree(s) is for: REAR GARDEN: 1 x Poplar (T2) - Fell and eco plug stump.

The details of the proposals can be view on line at <http://planningrecords.camden.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/GeneralSearch.aspx>. Enter the application reference into the search criteria and all the documents related to the application will be available in [View Related Document](#).

If you would like to submit comments on the proposed works, please do so in writing to [Planning Trees, 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG](#) or email at [planning@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@camden.gov.uk), within 21 days from the date of this letter. (Please quote our reference number). Your comments will be published on the council's website and you can check the decision on the website also.

If you are not the owner of the property you occupy, please tell the owner about this letter.

Supporting Communities Directorate

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Fiona Feather  
[REDACTED]

31 December 2020

Dear Neighbour

I'm writing to you about the poplar tree behind your flat, in the garden of 103a. Camden Council have received a request from the company that insures Rennie House in Torriano Mews, to cut the tree down.

The poplar has a tree preservation order (TPO) on it but Rennie House is experiencing subsidence issues. The report commissioned by the insurance company has concluded that the poplar is causing the subsidence. I sympathise, but I would still like to see the tree remain and would really appreciate it if you feel able to submit a comment to Camden Council

The lime tree in the garden of 107a has already been felled for the same reason. The poplar in question is regularly pollarded and it has a tree preservation order on it.

I love this tree and it really gives me a lot of joy throughout the year. It is a major feature of the view from my kitchen window and is filled with birds in the spring and summer.

If you would like to try to preserve this tree, you can register a comment or objection here:

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/planning-search/>

Search for 103a Torriano, and it will come up.

The planning number is 2020/5770/T, in case you need it.

Comments must be submitted by **Monday 4 January**.

All of the supporting documentation and all the comments that have been submitted so far are available to view with the planning/felling request.

Wishing you a very happy new year!

Fiona