




Planning Trees
5 Pancras Square
London N1C 4AG

3rd March 2021

Dear Madam or Sir,

Ref: 2021/070/T Notification of intended works to a tree in a Conservation Area

We write in response to your letter of 15th February this year.

Our comments on the proposal to fell this tree are as follows:

1. This proposed felling would be an act of sheer irresponsibility during a Climate Emergency when we need every tree possible. It will take many years for any replacement to grow to sufficient size to have any impact on carbon emissions.
2. If it is touching the balconies as stated in the application then all that is needed is a trim, not felling. The claim that it is "near a wall" is not sufficient reason to fell it.
3. At this time of year it may well be holding quite a few nesting birds, like Goldcrests, Coal Tits and Long-tailed Tits, all present at Cholmley Gardens, known to nest in conifers, and all fully protected by the Wildlife Act. It is illegal to disturb or harm their nests as well as the eggs and birds (impossible not to do if it is felled).
4. It is just the sort of tree that Tawny Owls like to nest in too, so worth keeping just for that, as this species is both in decline, and is a fine urban rat-catcher.
5. It is also a visual landscape asset, a pollution absorber, a sunshade, a wind deflector and a noise insulator, all valuable things in the crowded and noisy environment of Cholmley Gardens.
6. This statuesque conifer is part of the Cholmley Gardens landscape, and so something to cherish rather than destroy.

We hope most sincerely that you will refuse this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Edward & Mandy Mayer