

From: Jean Clarke
Sent: 22 February 2021 17:58
To: Planning
Subject: Tree Felling 142, Abbey Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

I received a letter today informing me that a planning application has been made for a Tree of Heaven (I have never heard of such a tree!) is to be felled from the front garden of 142, ABBEY ROAD NW64SL,

I live next-door and feel strongly that this should not be allowed. Although tall, shedding masses of leaves in the Autumn it is a beautiful tree with two others next to it. My main concern is that if you give permission for this tree to come down, they will also fell the other two.

The photos supplied are not accurate. One shows the tree along with two others, then there are two more showing the state of the garden path, where slabs are moving because of pressure from the trees roots. I have no idea when these photos were taken but since then the path has been totally refurbished with sturdy stone slabs fixed in place with concrete. I attach a photo for you to see taken this afternoon. The path is flat so I assume they had the tree roots cut to accommodate this.

By coincidence, On Saturday, I had a chat with a lady who lives a few doors down. Like me she was in her 80's having lived in Abbey Road for 40 years. I have been in my flat for 16 years but did not know her. She said that when she first moved here the road was full of trees and this was one of the reasons she stayed so long; but over the past few years trees are slowly disappearing. Only last year a tree was felled from a garden opposite her flat and then shortly after another went a few yards down. We looked along to where I live and I said I was only happy that our trees were still standing and I hoped they would still be there till I move on. As this is a conservation area we were surprised that Camden seemed constantly to give permission for trees to be felled.

Then today I receive this shocking letter from you. I hasten to say that I do not know Mr. Benjamin Schmidt, the person who has asked for the tree to be removed. In fact I know just one person living in that house but suspect that she may have moved because I have not seen her for some time. I do accept that the trees need a good prune. They were last done about 10 years ago and are now very leafy and must take light from rooms of the upper flats. A good prune would be considerably cheaper than felling. Mr. Schmidt mentioned that gutters fill with leaves in the Autumn and water overflows from them, running down and seeping into the walls. House 140 has the same problem but we are thinking of employing a firm who specialise in

cleaning gutters so we don't hear constant dripping during heavy rain. Maybe Mr. Schmidt would like to share the cost if we had both houses (which are attached) done at same time.

I should be grateful if you could let me know if I can do anything more to stop this massacre of trees in Abbey Road.

Photo of new garden path at 142 attached.

Yours sincerely

Jean Clarke



