

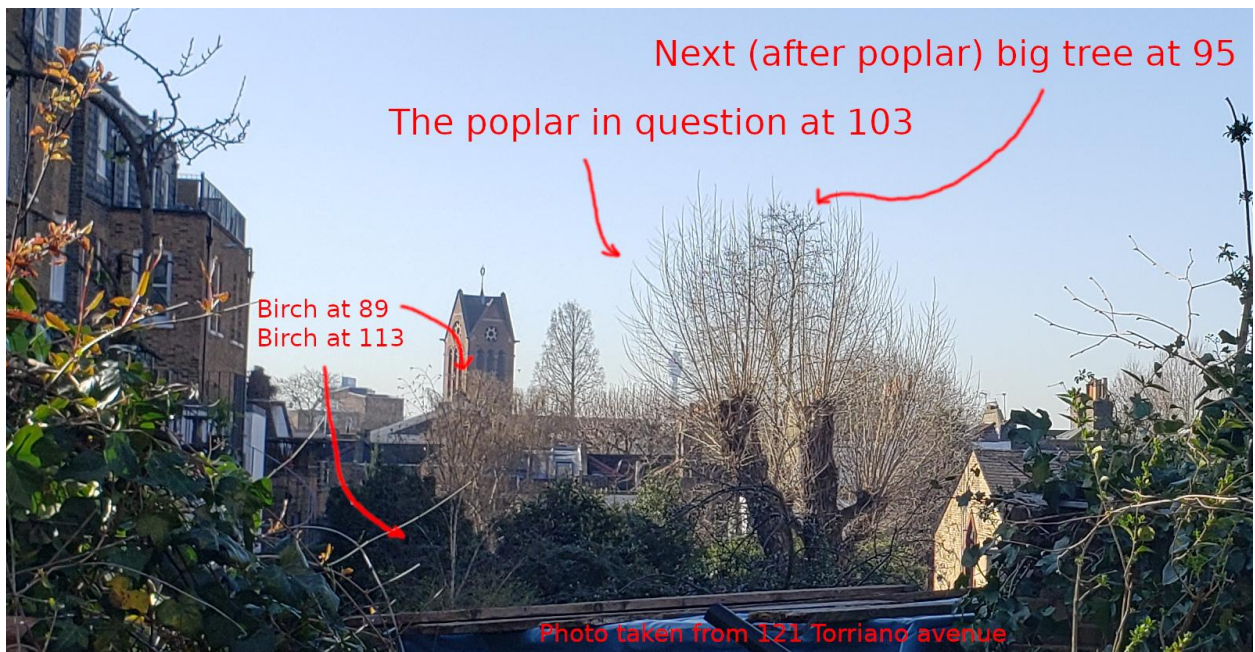
We, Anastasia Petrushkina and Alexey Guseynov, tenants of 103A object to the removal of the poplar tree.

First of all, we want to point out that while the proposal is worded around replacing the poplar with “a more suitable tree” and expresses regret that previously fallen trees were not replaced, **the actual proposal is still to fell the tree and leave the stump**. So we anticipate that if the permission is granted, no replacement would be made.

Our second consideration is about the impact the tree has on the mews. This photo has been taken from a passage between 117 and 121 on Torriano avenue:



Close-up of the central part:



While there are trees along Leighton grove, on Torriano avenue side **the poplar is the only remaining tree of significant size between 95 and 125**. For that reason removing it will have a huge impact on the landscape and wildlife of the area: it means removing an island of green dominating over the mews and shifting balance towards manmade stony landscape.

Regarding the state of the garden wall we'd like to point out that only half of the photos in the application show sections adjacent to the poplar tree. And none of these cracks are new: we remember them being there in 2018 when we moved to Torriano avenue.

For these reasons we believe it is important to preserve the tree.