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To: Planning
Subject: application ref 2021/2691/T

Dear Sir or Madam,

application ref 2021/2691/T: rear garden 6 Langbourne Avenue

We object in the strongest terms to the proposal to the proposals to:

- a) Lower the horse chestnut to 3.5m above garden level.
- b) Fell the ash tree the garden of 6 Langbourne Avenue, and

Horse chestnut tree (T1)

Please be aware that a significant factual error has been made in regard to these applications.

The horse chestnut tree (T1) is located in the garden of number 4 Langbourne Avenue and owned by number 4 Langbourne Avenue (and not by number 6 as stated in the application). The map included in the application is also wrong. The trunk for T1 is in the garden of number 4 Langbourne Avenue.

We **do not** grant permission for work to be carried out on our horse chestnut tree. One limb extends into the garden of number 6 Langbourne Avenue. If the residents at number 6 Langbourne Avenue want to reduce this limb then that is within their rights. But this tree is owned by us and not number 6 so lowering the crown of the tree is our responsibility and we do not grant permission.

Ash tree (T2)

The ash tree is located in the garden of number 6 and owned by number 6 Langbourne Avenue. And the trunk of T2 is almost wholly in the garden of number 6.

We object to the proposed work on this tree. It is a mature, hardy specimen. While many ash trees nationally are affected by ash dieback disease, this is a vigorous and healthy tree.

Camden Planning Guidance on Trees (2019) references the multiple benefits of trees and vegetation (sections 1.8-1.15 being highly pertinent). Trees are, to quote the guidance: “highly valued in Camden, in part due to the borough’s dense urban environment. Trees and other woody vegetation are integral to Camden’s character and quality of life. They soften the impact of buildings and structures and integrate them into their setting.” Furthermore, felling this tree goes against stated City Hall policy which is to increase the number of trees in the capital by 10% by 2050.

Mature trees are recognised to be carbon sinks. This ash tree is contributing to the quality of the air in the area and reducing carbon emissions. In addition, it is a haven for wildlife. We have numerous birds in our garden including woodpeckers, jays, blackbirds and a host of smaller birds such as robins, blue tits, coal tits etc. These birds thrive in the woodland environment created by this large tree and feed on the lichens and insects that live in its trunk. Furthermore, the airy canopy of the tree is known to benefit other plants. The Woodland Trust comment that: “Ash trees make the perfect habitat for a number of different species of wildlife. The airy canopy and early leaf provide optimum conditions for wild flowers which, in turn, these support a range of insects.”

In conclusion

Large mature trees such as this horse chestnut (T1) and ash (T2) are integral to the character and environmental qualities of the Holly Lodge Estate. The Holly Lodge Estate is designated

as a conservation zone partly on account of its green spaces and its abundance of trees and wildlife. We wish to maintain these qualities and we object to the proposed changes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Kind regards,
Naomi Stungo and Nick Paske

Owners 4 Langbourne Avenue, London N6 6AL