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2022/0419/T	Robert Porter	07/02/2022 18:11:20	SUPPRT	These trees are slowly demolishing the property at Doughty Mews, a property with important Egyptological collections and a library (which I used to use). Obviously, they should come down.
2022/0419/T	Andrew Robinson	07/02/2022 11:55:52	INT	As a long-time supporter of the historic Egypt Exploration Society, I support their planning application to remove the trees which are damaging their premises, including their vital library.
2022/0419/T	Caroline Simpson	07/02/2022 14:54:26	NOBJ	I am someone who has visited the EES Library many times over the last 25 years. I have been aware of the growing, threatening girth of the trees at the back and in recent years the growing cracks in the back wall. The architect who has objected to this application is correct in that the EES was considering selling the building but the EES members wished it to stay here and so the EES now has plans to upgrade the building and the library facilities and stay. I also love trees, and there are many large, beautiful plane trees in Coram Fields and Brunswick Square Gardens and along streets nearby. The loss of these two old trees will be slightly sad, but not half as sad as the destruction of the EES building. I believe that the case has been made for them to be cut down to safeguard the EES building. Two new trees can be planted and environmental sustainability ensured. Please do not refuse this application.
2022/0419/T	Philip Hewat-Jaboor	07/02/2022 11:53:22	NOBJ	I write to totally support the removal of the two plane trees which have and continue to cause immense harm to 8 Doughty Street. P Hewat-Jaboor
2022/0419/T	George Penny	07/02/2022 13:34:22	SUPNOT	<p>I strongly support this application. The trees in their present condition and position are seriously imperilling the library and buildings of the Egypt Exploration Society, which is located in the mews house at the foot of Number 8's garden.</p> <p>The Society makes significant contribution to the field of egyptology both nationally and internationally, and its present location is highly convenient. If damage to the buildings continues the Society will doubtless be significantly distracted from its important work by the need to take remediation action and, potentially, move elsewhere. Such would also doubtless have significant negative impact upon the Society's finances, wasting funds which are much better directed towards its proper objects.</p> <p>Damage to the library is already apparent. If the trees are allowed to continue as they are, that damage will only worsen, putting at risk a valuable and historic collection with particular connection to the space in which it is currently maintained, as the mews property is in part the former home of noted egyptologist Ricardo A. Caminos.</p> <p>I understand that an arborist's report indicates the trees have matured to the point where they contribute very little to the ecology of the area, and that new trees will serve to better support the local habitat.</p>

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2022/0419/T	Brigitte Balanda	07/02/2022 21:55:05	SUPPRT	Camden Council

Re: Tree Removal at 8 Doughty Street – Support of application

I have been a member of the Egypt Exploration Society for over 20 years and a frequent visitor to their premises at 3 Doughty Mews. With great concern I have observed the increasing damage caused to the back wall of the property, caused by two large trees in the grounds of above property. Especially over the last few years the cracks on the staircase leading up to the library and study room have widened, indicating that the growth of the trees is speeding up the decay of the wall. On several occasions I have observed leakage of rainwater onto the stairs through cracks in the wall and also presumably due to damage to the gutters.

While the trees are the responsibility of the owners of 8 Doughty Street, their detrimental impact on the building at 4 Doughty Mews is undeniable, and if action is not taken, i.e. the trees being felled, the crumbling wall of the EES premises will eventually become a serious health and safety issue. Fortunately, an agreement has been reached between the owners of both properties to apply for permission to remove the trees, an application I wholeheartedly support for the following reasons:

1) The Egypt Exploration Society, founded in 1882, is one of the oldest organisations devoted to the study of Egyptian culture. As such, during the 140 years of its existence, the EES has accumulated an invaluable and unique archive of documents, photographs, artwork, excavation records, etc. which attracts scholars from all over the world to their premises.

While the archive is foremost relevant for the study of the remains of Egypt and Egyptian heritage, it is also an important source for the study of the development of British Egyptology in the 19th century, as well as British social history and social networks during the Victorian Period. Of course, it is also the place where the documentation of more recent excavations and projects run by the Society is kept and, if lost, these records cannot be retrieved or re-constructed.

Sadly, the safe-keeping of this archive is becoming increasingly threatened (and costly) by the recurring invasion of rainwater and damp caused by the trees.

2) The EES also houses one of the largest Egyptological libraries, certainly in the UK if not world-wide, with many rare and valuable books, and as such has supported scholars from the UK and far afield in their research. It is important that those books are kept safe, and that they remain accessible to the research community in a safe manner.

3) The EES is a charity whose funding depends on various grants and the financial contributions by its members. Over the last few years, the necessary repairs to remedy the damage through the trees have become a drain on the financial resources of the Society, which in the long term is unsustainable, and diverts funds which could otherwise be used on the preservation of the archive and library, fieldwork-projects, or education and training.

Last, but not least, I want to add a few words about the objections raised by others. While I sympathise with them regarding the loss of mature trees, which is always regrettable, they are neither directly impacted by the trees with respect to their safety or quality of life in their homes/offices, nor do they need to face the costs for remedial work. Also, for an uninvolved party it is easy to suggest structural work to the building, if they do not have to raise the funds for such works.

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				<p>The Board of Trustees of the Society made a commitment to its members to remain in the property, resulting in the withdrawal of the building from the market in 2020. Since then, the Board have invested in the building and the neighbourhood to improve access for members and the general public. Any implication that this application is an attempt to increase the sale price or to make the property more attractive to developers are unfounded and wrong. The EES has much to offer the local community and for that reason, I support their application to have the trees removed and secure their future in Doughty Mews.</p> <p>With kind regards, Brigitte Balanda, PhD</p>
2022/0419/T	C T H BECK	07/02/2022 12:00:53	COMMNT	I support this application
2022/0419/T	Dr Enrico Emanuele Prodi	07/02/2022 12:01:20	COMMNT	<p>The Egypt Exploration Society's premises in 3 Doughty Mews are an important research centre for Egyptology and Classics, which includes the Society's archive. The two trees in question have caused important damage to the building; sorry though I feel for the trees themselves, they need to be allowed to go, both because of the direct damage they are doing to the Society's property, and especially because of the potential damage that may occur to the Society's collections should the damage to the walls and gutter get any worse.</p>
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2022/0419/T	Prof. Joann Fletcher	07/02/2022 15:59:53	SUPPRT	<p>Re: Application 2022/0419/T</p> <p>I am writing in strong support of the application by the Egypt Exploration Society to have two plane trees felled. I have been a member of the Society for 37 years, and over that time have seen the growing problems caused by these trees to the structure of the society's premises, to the point where the back of the building is now unsafe and seriously compromises access for both members of the Society and the general public. The increasingly large cracks in the wall, combined with the buckling of the guttering, means that water ingress now seriously threatens not only the building but its contents, a priceless and world-famous collection of Egyptological books and documentation which Egyptologists like myself consider one of the greatest in the world. I was able to highlight its importance on my recent BBC2 series 'Immortal Egypt'; commenting that some of Egypt's greatest ancient sites are 'not entirely lost to us, thanks to the archives here at the Egypt Exploration Society' [ref: Buhen: A site submerged Egypt Exploration Society (ees.ac.uk)], it would therefore be tragic if these very same archives will now be lost if two trees are not removed. Not only that, the funds we all help raise so the Society can continue its charitable work preserving Egypt's ancient and modern heritage are having to be increasingly diverted to maintain the building and its contents against the trees' encroachment. I am therefore imploring Camden Council to approve this application.</p>
2022/0419/T	Barbara Youngman	07/02/2022 18:21:58	NOBJ	<p>I am a member of the Egypt Exploration Society, and have been visiting the premises in Doughty Mews as a member, library volunteer ,and also for courses, for some 15 years. The trees and the extensive damage they have already caused over many years, and are still causing to the Society's premises has always been very troubling. I am delighted that there is now an application to have these trees removed, and I gather that the neighbours, in whose garden they are situated are of like mind. I would heartily endorse this application</p>
2022/0419/T	Valerio Rosellini	07/02/2022 16:48:20	SUPPRT	<p>I would like to express my support for this application.</p>
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