

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/0419/T	Susan Biddle	10/02/2022 15:43:08	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support this application.</p> <p>As a member and patron of the Egypt Exploration Society (EES) and frequent user of its library, I have observed with growing concern the increasing damage to the rear wall which the reports of the arboriculturist and structural engineers confirm is a direct result of the physical contact of the plane trees which are the subject of the application with the back (east) wall of the building. The reports make clear that the damage is substantial, that further damage will be caused if the trees remain, and that removal of these two trees is the only way to mitigate this situation.</p> <p>This damage is already making the building increasingly unsafe for both visitors to and staff of the EES.</p> <p>The unique archive and library of the EES, housed on this site and an invaluable resource for national and international professionals and amateurs interested in Egyptology and the history of archaeology, is vulnerable to the damp resulting from the damage to the walls, roof and guttering of the building.</p> <p>The EES's objects are to support and protect Egyptian cultural heritage. To this end, it supports fieldwork and research in Egypt, trains Egyptians in archaeology, and educates the public (nationally and internationally) in a wide variety of matter related to ancient, medieval and modern Egypt. By doing all this, the EES strives to promote good relations and enhance understanding between people of different countries and religions, at a time when this is ever more important. At the moment the cost of maintaining the building in the face of this ongoing damage is diverting much-needed funds from these core charitable purposes.</p> <p>I am sorry that the removal of the trees is required - I am very well aware of the benefits trees can provide, as counters to pollution and climate change, resources for wildlife, and indeed importantly, if less scientifically measurable, as a beautiful addition to their neighbourhood. The arboriculturist's report however indicates that the benefit of these two trees is now limited (and certainly their aesthetic benefit would seem to be limited to the owners of properties backing onto these gardens as the trees are not visible from the street in any meaningful way). The application makes clear that two, ecologically beneficial, trees would be planted to replace those removed, and care would be taken not to disturb nesting birds. There are also, fortunately, a number of large trees elsewhere in the immediate local area.</p> <p>Please grant this application.</p>
2022/0419/T	LESLEY MITTINS	10/02/2022 15:17:38	PETITNSUP P	It is important that this work be carried out expeditiously as these trees are causing serious damage to the wall of this important building.

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