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Subject: Community initiative Re: 8 Doughty Street WC1N 2PL, 2022/0419/T, felling of two London plane trees

Thank you Sue and Julian for your objections!

It is really fantastic to have future facing Councillors like yourselves thinking about the generations to come. One does has to admit that this application looks scary.

How ironic in Year of the Tree and with all that Camden is doing to lower air pollution and drive through green agendas that we might lose these two trees despite the fact they are both graced with TPOs.

[As we all know, sadly, many mature street plane trees have been lost over the last ten years and replaced with smaller trees in the public realm with only a fraction of the ecological benefits to the area. So thank you so much for recognising the importance of standing by TPOs on private land.]

We have very little time to mobilise. We made a collection to pay for some expertise. We have commissioned an engineer and arboriculturist who will visit site on Monday 14th February. They have agreed to prioritise time to make their reports on how to save the trees and deal with the structural implications to the premises of the Egyptian Exploration Society.

Tim Lucas is a Camden based engineer of a famous engineering firm Price and Myers and absolutely top of his field with innovative and creative solutions.

<https://www.pricemyers.com/about-us/people/tim-lucas>

The arboriculturist Robin Howorth is dual trained as a building surveyor and expert in trees and their roots. He does not earn his living arguing against trees (as many in his field) but finding ways we can cohabit.

<http://howorth.london/arboricultural-consultancy/>

The reports submitted by the applicant are confused and we hope to show how little they prove with these counter reports.

For example the tree expert claims the trees are not protected by TPOs and that they are of little value. The structural report contradicts itself many times.

So we are doing our best to provide evidence which together with the many local objections will give the planning team pause for thought, leading them to suggest structural solutions rather than felling...with all its attendant risks.

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