From: Justin King

Sent: 12 February 2022 17:09

To: Planning

Subject: Felling of TPO protected trees at 8 Doughty street

Dear sir/ madam

I live at 7 doughty mews and have done so for nearly 20 years.

I would like to register my objection to the proposal to fell 2 mature London plane trees made by my nearby neighbours.

Clearly they are persistent in their desire to fell these trees. And one hopes that the council will be persistent in their resolute protection.

Their amenity value is significant and far reaching. Healthy trees of this maturity becoming increasingly rare. We should therefore do everything possible to protect them for future generations

I can see little evidence that the real prospect of nearby buildings and these wonderful trees living in harmony has been fully explored . No doubt there will be cost involved but these will be minimal in the context of the value of the properties allegedly affected .

Conversely, one assumes that absent these trees the property value will increase. Which perhaps points to the real motivation here.

Given the trees are likely 150 years old the current owners of the properties can hardly argue their existence is a surprise! It seems to me quite reasonable that they be held to account to ensure their properties and these trees co exist successfully long into the future .

Regards

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