

**From:** Clare Ash

**Sent:** 12 February 2022 21:30

**To:** Planning

**Subject:** Your reference 2022/0419T, felling of trees at 8 Doughty Street WC1

Dear Camden

I am writing to object to the above application.

The two trees have been slowly growing for the last hundred and fifty years as an intrinsic part of this much valued Bloomsbury conservation Area. They have as great a contribution to this beautiful place as the terraces and mews which surround them. It seems inconceivable that they should be threatened with felling. they are healthy and can survive for another century and a half if they are properly stewarded as they should be.

Of course it is unfortunate that they are affecting the Egypt Exploration Society's property, but it is not beyond the wit of good engineers and caring arboriculturalists to devise a method by which which trees and buildings can co-exist.

Quite apart from their appearance they are a valuable ecological asset. They provide shade, habitat, oxygen, and provide cooling, reducing the urban heat island effect. No replacement trees will be able to offer anything comparable for at least a century.

As owner of 5 Doughty Mews, the next door house in the terrace from the affected property, I am also concerned about the potential fall out from the proposed removal of the trees, which, as the applicant's engineers allude to in their report, may have adverse consequences to my property, including subsidence and differential movement.

I sympathise with the problem that the Egypt Exploration Society face. If the trees can be sufficiently pollarded together with some ground level work to restructure the back wall to the library these mature trees will happily co-exist in the future along with the architecture.

Yours

Clare Ash