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2022/0419/T	Keith Nickol	18/02/2022 18:11:53	COMMNT	Plane trees are beautiful.
2022/0419/T	Hazel Gray	18/02/2022 17:51:12	NOBJ	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I write in support of the application to fell two plane trees in the garden of 8 Doughty Street.</p> <p>Whilst it is sad to see trees removed, I would urge the council to consider not just the natural environment of the area, but also its cultural environment.</p> <p>My fear is that if these trees are not removed, the Egypt Exploration Society will either be forced to move premises entirely or will have the footprint of its offices so reduced that it will no longer house its archive and library. These presently complement the collections, archives and libraries at the British Museum and UCL (Institute of Archaeology and Petrie Museum of Egyptian and Sudanese Archaeology), forming a London research hub for international scholars of Egyptology. Should it prove impossible to provide an adequate and safe storage space, the Society's archive and library may be moved to other institutions, greatly diminishing the range of materials available to researchers here.</p> <p>The archive contains records of sites now lost (such as some of those flooded to create Lake Nasser), sites now much deteriorated or re-excavated, and objects presented to museums but now lost or damaged. It covers the span of British Egyptology from 1882 to the present, and is a real heritage asset.</p> <p>The library is one of the few easily accessible to amateurs in the field, and also one of the few that houses all its stock on site, so items do not have to be ordered up from store in advance. It has helped innumerable people like me through part-time and distance courses at places like Birkbeck and the University of Manchester, and is equally useful to professional researchers.</p> <p>The library and much of the archive are housed in the former home of eminent epigrapher, Professor Ricardo Caminos, a building which retains many of the features he installed, and a touching testimony to his rather austere lifestyle and focus on his work. It is a joy to work in – when water is not running down the walls or cascading down the staircase – but it is presently not the environment one would wish for such important collections. It is entirely possible that it will be closed to researchers as unsafe if the tree damage continues, or that the collections will have to be moved to safe storage, thus making them inaccessible to researchers for some period. I understand that it would be difficult for the Society to pay for remedial building work out of its current funds, and it may be that its members and supporters will not be willing or able to raise sufficient extra funds to carry out such work – in which case the collections may be permanently lost to researchers in London.</p> <p>I would urge you to consider whether these collections and facilities are worth retaining in London, and specifically in Camden, when considering this application.</p>
2022/0419/T	Gillian Darley OBE	20/02/2022 08:43:10	OBJ	<p>As I wrote on the previous application (late 2020) I am strongly opposed to the loss of the two plane trees covered by TPOs at the rear of 8 Doughty Street. They are of great significance (on grounds many objectors will have pointed out) throughout an area bounded by Guilford and Northington, Millman and Doughty Streets. Due to local initiative, there are now expert reports (engineer's and arboriculturist's) being prepared which argue that with structural adjustment the trees and the Egyptian Exploration Society can co-exist. I would plead that all opportunities are explored to this end and that this application is rejected in order that this can continue, to the great benefit of the area.</p>

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2022/0419/T	Katy Molloy	19/02/2022 15:24:28	OBJ	I wish to record my objection to the felling of the trees on Doughty St. As a local resident, I consider these trees an important part of the neighbourhood, much older than any of the current residents and home to members of the city's wildlife. Majestic trees of this maturity are becoming scarce in London at great loss all round. Particularly given the escalating climate and biodiversity breakdown, it's time to find creative ways to live alongside nature, rather than simplistically eliminating it. There's no insuperable reason to fell these significant trees, and I'm aware that local residents have begun talks with engineers and arboriculturalists to clarify this. Finding an alternative way forward for both the buildings and the trees to co-exist would be a great success for the council and all parties involved - human and more-than-human. Please use the power you have to set new benchmarks for this kind of challenge. Buildings and concrete to not generate oxygen. Best wishes, Katy
2022/0419/T	Dek Messecar	18/02/2022 21:21:05	COMMNT	Mature trees are irreplaceable in our lifetime. No one should remove them ... ever Dek Messecar
2022/0419/T	Michael Pountney	19/02/2022 11:07:51	COMMNT	The loss of any trees in urban areas must be resisted because of their beneficial effect on the environment. These two have the added value of making a major visual contribution to the area This application should be rejected.
2022/0419/T	Michael Pountney	19/02/2022 11:08:05	COMMNT	The loss of any trees in urban areas must be resisted because of their beneficial effect on the environment. These two have the added value of making a major visual contribution to the area This application should be rejected.
2022/0419/T	LINDA	19/02/2022 23:16:28	OBJ	Healthy trees should not be destroyed. They are causing no damage and on the contrary are helping clean our polluted air and helping us breathe. I think to fell these trees would be an act of gross vandalism. The council often claims to have green ambitions and credentials - let us see them put into practice in preserving these beautiful trees.
2022/0419/T	Clive Jennings	19/02/2022 17:05:54	OBJ	I live locally and object most strongly to this application. This tree has brought pleasure and beauty to our inner city community for a century and a half and provides a home for birds and insects. Felling it would be a criminal abuse of power.