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To: Planning

Cc: Nick Bell; Tom Little; Leo Cassarani (Cllr)>

Subject: 2022/0382/T : Objection to felling of 3 mature 'Plane' trees at 68 Priory Rd, NW6 3RE

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to Application 2022/0382/T - 68 Priory Rd, NW6 3RE for the removal/felling of 3 mature plane trees in front garden

Apologies for slightly missing your deadline, but I hope this comment can be taken into consideration.

I wish to object to this Application on the basis that the trees in question are in fact beech trees and not plane trees, and that at this time of year it is not possible to tell if the trees are in fact dead.

No photographic or professional arboriculturalist evidence has been provided of the damage or disease that has allegedly caused the death of these trees, or indeed that the trees are even dead. In any case, it is difficult to confirm this in the middle of winter. Such evidence needs to be provided before such a drastic act as felling 3 mature trees in a very publicly visible position in a Conservation Area can be properly considered by a trees officer.

In addition, it should be noted that in 2017 permission was previously given for 4 more beech trees to be felled for no good reason, and no grinding out of the stumps was required thus making it almost impossible to plant replacement trees. These trees are mature and greatly add to the historic streetscape and the visual amenity of the area and should not be capriciously felled. If, later in the Spring, they are proven to in fact be dead then Camden must require the stumps to be ground out so as to allow replacement planting on a one for one basis.

If Camden does not do this, then it will be complicit in having felled a total of 7 mature trees at one address in a very prominent position in the streetscape over a period of 5 years.

It is even more astounding that at the neighbouring property (66 Priory Rd) Camden has already, over the last 5 years, given permission for no less than five more beech trees to be felled. To preside over the felling of a total of 12 trees in such a small area within a Conservation Area is wholly unacceptable and does serious damage to Camden's credentials as a responsible Borough seeking to address the Climate Emergency by placing sustainability high up its list of priorities.

Please request that this application be resubmitted with professional or photographic evidence of the condition of the trees before any decision to fell is granted.

Many thanks.

Best regards,

Mr E Peel

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