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I object to the felling of the trees 8 Doughty Muse behind the Egyptian Exploration Society 2022/04/19/T

It would be unwise to make an irreversible decision without considering the longer term implications. All inner city trees are essential to the health and well being of the community. It is short sighted to remove these trees when their life span is far greater than us as people and the Building it is disrupting. This act is irreversible and would require another 270 years to rectify.

Health & Environmental implications - these trees are part of a wider eco System of trees in the area that act as a filter for the air and pollution. The local population consists of a children's hospital and is in close proximity to Corem fields which is a sanctuary for children, wildlife and biodiversity. By removing the trees you will be altering the ecosystem (270-300 year old trees with a life span of 700) these trees were here before us and will stand long after we are gone. The building in question is not very old in comparison, will need major works to maintain it (regardless of the tree)- it will need maintenance to stay in good repair which would be a disruption and dust to locals. I do not see how their removal would have any health benefits to the local community or surrounding environment. The equivalent would be to murder a fit and healthy self sufficient individual age 32 who had a life expectancy of 70, for a very old building that is likely to crumble regardless of the tree.

Ecosystems - as mentioned above the trees are part of a much larger network of wildlife that use them as a sanctuary to nest and keep warm. A squirrel can not nest in a 30 year old tree it will not provide the high level of protection needed to sustain all weathers and ensure that "over crowding" does not occur in larger trees to compensate for the lack of nesting space.

Heritage & culture - the famous London plane is well known internationally and the majority of them are under conservation status within the area and these trees should be included within those boundaries- as mentioned above they are part of a much larger network that have been growing since the 17th & 18th century. Every attempt should be made to ensure they are the priority when planning the future of the city and maintain their growth and status in the rich culture of the area and still have 400+ years of life left in them.

Potential damages - I have been informed that "if you cut down a tree the heave that results from the ground regaining its moisture content can actually cause more damage to a building. so removal is not always the answer There have been cases of up to 150mm of ground heave after removal of a tree, this was recorded by the BRS." It would be a hasty decision to cut down these trees that is irreversible without considering the full implications it has on not only filtering pollution above but also absorbing moisture below (it would be unwise to remove them before exploring every option and opportunity to keep them and the benefits they provide to the community and environment as a whole.

Kind regards  
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