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Sent: 28 February 2022 20:03

To: Planning

Subject: Objection 2022/0419/T

I would urge you to refuse the application to fell the two huge London plane trees, as requested. Trees in central London should be protected because they are a valuable environmental benefit. With the return to the office and more road traffic, the pollution in the area has increased significantly. Trees help absorb this pollution and reduce global warming. I have a chronic cough made worse by pollution so urge you to consider the health of the residents.

The applicants want the trees felled because of possible damage to their building. I appreciate their concern, but I am sure that an arborculturalist would be able to come up with a compromise, whereby the trees could be allowed to live; and the tree roots pruned? The trees are part of our local fragile ecosystem for birds and city wildlife. Do not destroy it.

Doughty Street and Doughty Mews are havens of tranquility and elegance. Attempts by residents to make the area more green are much valued. Felling two beautiful old trees seems to go against everything that we should be doing to save the planet – and residents' mental well-being.

I hope you will reject the application.

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