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**To:** Planning

**Subject:** Objection 2022/0419/T Plane trees at 8 Doughty Street

I would like to make an objection to the proposed felling of the two mature London plane trees at number 8 Doughty Street.

As a frequent visitor to 8 Doughty Street I have known these trees over many years and have enjoyed their shade, tranquillity and birdsong.

The environmental benefits of large trees in cities - and plane trees in particular – are widely accepted:

- In addition to reducing carbon, mature plane trees are a species perfectly adapted to absorb and remove pollution from our atmosphere.
- These trees attract and sustain bird and insect life which is increasingly endangered in cities, and which is essential to the ecological health of our cities.
- The presence of trees is beneficial to our mental and physical wellbeing,

I understand that a plan is currently being drawn up by technical experts that would ensure that there is no conflict between the survival of the trees and the EES building at 4 Doughty Mews. It would be unforgivably short-sighted to destroy this irreplaceable, natural heritage when an alternative solution can be achieved.

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