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| 2022/0419/T | Dr Sajeev Shanmuganandarajah | 05/03/2022 21:50:54 | OBJ | As a doctor, I can attest to the benefit of natural habitat from within a city. Removal of these trees from nature will worsen the condition of the city.<br><br>In fact, studies have shown that fractal patterns from nature can induce anxiolytic effects on one's own wellbeing. [ref below]<br><br>Thus, removing these glorious trees will have an impact on psychological wellbeing of nearby inhabitants.<br><br>"Application of fractal dimension method of functional MRI time-series to limbic dysregulation in anxiety study" https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/4353063 |
| 2022/0419/T | Jo Lim and Kingsley Evans | 05/03/2022 21:30:47 | OBJ | My partner, Kingsley Evans, and I are both objecting to the application to remove the trees.<br><br>With friends at 8 Doughty St, I and my partner are both familiar with these trees. I objected to the previous planning application to fell the trees. We were both surprised to be informed that there is now a second application.<br><br>As there are solutions to keep the trees this application should definitely be refused.<br><br>Trees provide shade cover in summer and mitigate the heat of the city, and large mature trees like the planes in question remove pollutants to the benefit of all Londoners.<br><br>The trees in question provide an ecosystem for birds and wildlife in central London. These trees can be seen nearby and as far as the London Eye and as such provide visual relief in the city.<br><br>As a professionals working in health, we can testify that trees contribute to positive mental health and as such are immensely valuable.<br><br>I and a wide circle of friends would be appalled if the trees were removed given their immense benefits. |
| 2022/0419/T | Elena Henson | 05/03/2022 18:06:53 | COMMNT | I am writing to object to the felling of these two plane trees. My family has enjoyed seeing them over the rooftops from our flat in Gray's Inn Road (and from nearby homes) for nearly four decades. I know that friends and neighbours have worked hard to find another solution and hope these wonderful trees will be saved. |

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| 2022/0419/T | domo baal | 04/03/2022 16:10:41 | OBJ | i am objecting to the application to remove 2 mature and healthy plane trees which i am told are 150 years old or over, in order to extend, do building works, or other such reasons for the following reasons:<br><br>camden council is a signatory since 2019 to the climate change alliance and provides much information on its website about carbon reduction in the area it is responsible for. alot has been achieved already, the website tells us. we are proud of this, and are concerned that no council, nor city, nor citizen can afford to be complacent as every decision on every tree whether planted or removed, and on every type of emission plays a calculable role whether for good or bad both in camden, and its geographical position in the centre of the highly complex and busy city that london is.<br><br>in addition to concerns about bio-diversity alongside that of air quality, i have learned, at kew gardens, that when a new tree is planted (and the borough has indeed been planting trees) - it takes approximately 90 full years for each individual tree to grow to a size for it to capture the equivalent amount of carbon to one mature plane tree of approx 100 years old. we are told by many scientists that we do not haver 90 years to wait. we are told that the climate crisis is the single biggest threat to civilisation. we must therefore all do our utmost not to add to this huge problem.<br><br>this fact alone makes the removal of any single healthy tree, in addition to the other valid arguments put forward by the doughty street group, which i am proud to be a signatory of, completely unacceptable.<br><br>camden council, has not only signed up to the climate crisis group in 2019, but also has a serious and impressive commitment with much investment in its 'first 1001 days of life' policy. air quality, biodiversity, each and every tree that children and pregnant mothers see and walk past daily, all such things are a significant contribution to this commitment, whether they are in parks, in private gardens or simply visible in between rows of houses. |
| 2022/0419/T | Andrew Cameron | 05/03/2022 19:17:07 | OBJ | I would like to object to the removal of the two plane trees. They and the house have existed alongside each other for years (hundreds?) with only minor damage. They bring huge benefits for the local community and the general environment.<br><br>The costs of removing them plus the cost to the community must surely outweigh the cost of making good the internal damage that they have caused. |
| 2022/0419/T | Oscar Robinson | 05/03/2022 20:41:51 | OBJ | I strongly object to the proposed felling of these two magnificent London Plane trees. We should be doing our utmost to preserve trees in Central London. They help clean the air and contribute to the city's character. I understand the felling is to limit structural damage to the neighbouring buildings. However, the trees are very large and the rotting root systems after they have been felled with undoubtedly cause even more structural damage to these buildings. The applicants should surely instead focus on how to manage the structure of the building in harmony with the trees given the trees themselves must at this point be supporting the foundations of the rear of the building. Structural damage can be repaired, but these trees are irreplaceable. I implore the council to do the right thing and reject this application. |

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| 2022/0419/T | Mark van Harmelen | 05/03/2022 22:24:22 | OBJNOT | [redacted] and know the trees and the wall in at the back of 4 Doughty Mews in great detail.<br><br>I also have spent 10 years doing part time building work, including structural repairs, on buildings of a similar age and construction as 4 Doughty Mews, so I do have specific knowledge applicable to the building and believe that there are design solutions to keep the trees and building together for the foreseeable future.<br><br>Knowing of Camden's request for engineering and design solutions in the previous application's rejection letter, I was surprised to see current application without such a solution being attached. I was equally suprised to see that the applicant failed to provide for the current application the year's worth of fortnightly crack measurements recommended by their engineers in 2020, and similarly requested by Camden.<br><br>I fully support the closely reasoned Doughty Tree Group's application, and point to futher lack of evidence detailed there.<br><br>I further note that<br><br>1. the trees are highly valuable to the local community, the borough, and London at large, in terms of general amenity (CAVAT value of ¿0.6M), visual amenity - being seen in the neighbourhood, mitgation of polution and particulates, mitiagation of the climate crisis, creation of a local ecosystem for birds and so on.<br><br>2. The trees should be retained according to policy from the National Planning Policy Framework through to borough and East Bloomsbury policy.<br><br>3. There are now design and engineering solutions that enable the trees to be retained as expressed in the Doughty Trees Groups' objection and their engineer's report. I recommed that these should be encouraged as solutions as part of a rejection of the application.<br><br>4. For the trees to be felled and removed would be tragic when there are simple cost-effective solutions to keep the trees for common benefit.<br><br>I do hope, please, that Camden Planners refuse the application. |

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| 2022/0419/T | Gert Webb Brown | 05/03/2022 19:00:49 | OBJNOT | I object to this application.<br><br>[redacted] and with my three children and partner I am still a regular visitor to the garden and trees. It brings all of us great joy to see the trees and see my children playing under the trees.<br><br>I have often and still walk arond on streets where the trees can clearly be seen, and I know that they bring visual relief to local residents and passers by on the streets. Additionally they can be seen from nearby houses, blocks of flats and office blocks.<br><br>The ecological benefit of the trees is immense, they abosorb carbon and particulates, and are of benefit to Londoners in cleaning the air that we breath. As a mother I am particulary aware of benefits of cleaner air for children including at the nearby St Georges School, and just a but further away, Christopher Hatton (that I attended).<br><br>I am aware that there have been recent proposals made that would only nescessitate small changes to the back wall of 4 Doughty Mews, and I fully suport the Council in insisting on those changes be made to sucessfully enable the trees to be retained without threstening the Egypt Exploration Society building.<br><br>The days where trees triumph over buildings in planning applications has gone with our current awareness and need to deal with the Climate Emergency, for our sake and for the sake of our children.<br><br>Thus I implore Camden to reject this planning application and insist on small modifications to the back wall of 4 DOughty St to keep the trees. |
| 2022/0419/T | Jo Lim and Kingsley Evans | 05/03/2022 21:30:43 | OBJ | My partner, Kingsley Evans, and I are both objecting to the application to remove the trees.<br><br>[redacted] I and my partner are both familiar with these trees. I objected to the previous planning application to fell the trees. We were both surprised to be informed that there is now a second application.<br><br>As there are solutions to keep the trees this application should definitely be refused.<br><br>Trees provide shade cover in summer and mitigate the heat of the city, and large mature trees like the planes in question remove pollutants to the benefit of all Londoners.<br><br>The trees in question provide an ecosystem for birds and wildlife in central London. These trees can be seen nearby and as far as the London Eye and as such provide visual relief in the city.<br><br>As a professionals working in health, we can testify that trees contribute to positive mental health and as such are immensely valuable.<br><br>I and a wide circle of friends would be appalled if the trees were removed given their immense benefits. |

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| 2022/0419/T | Brian Sommerlad | 05/03/2022 21:30:07 | OBJ | Re Application 2022/0419/T<br><br>Despite the fact that two previous applications have been rejected, I was very disappointed to hear that a further application has been made to fell the two beautiful mature plane trees in the garden of 8 Doughty St.<br><br>The argument is that they ¿have to be removed¿ to protect the Egyptian Exploration Society building and its contents.<br><br>An independent engineer¿s survey has shown that the effect on the building is not significantly progressing and can be managed by relatively simple and inexpensive building measures. Removal of the trees and death of the roots is likely to cause soil movements which may be much more damaging to the EES and may affect other buildings in the area.<br><br>They are the most impressive trees in this crowded part of London. They are enjoyed, not just by nearby residents, but also by the many visitors to Bloomsbury. Children and staff in nearby St George¿ Church of England Primary School can see the trees as they walk to school along Doughty Mews and from the school when they get there.<br><br>As a doctor, I can¿t believe that the council would sanction the destruction of these effective pollutant reducers. Trees should be being planted, not pulled down. It would take more than 100 years to replace these wonderful trees.<br><br>They encourage a variety of bird and other wild life.<br><br>I urge Camden Council to reject this re-application. As the Mayor of London has said, these ¿individual veteran trees should be given protection as, once lost, they can never be replaced¿. Hopefully Sadiq Khan can also discourage this act of vandalism. It is unnecessary and destructive. |