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Sent: 11 April 2022 14:35
To: Planning; TreeSection
Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION - 2022/1187/T

Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPLICATION - 2022/1187/T
Felling of 2 Trees in the garden of 104 Albert Street, London NW1

My name is Nicky Scott-Francis and I live close to 104 Albert Street. I am writing to object to the planning application 2022/1187/T requested by Central and Cecil Housing Association insurer's for consent to fell 2 large old Ash and Sycamore trees in their garden, My objections are as follows:-

- 1) Local Planning Authorities In accordance with the **National Planning Policy Framework**, are under a duty to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of conservation areas as a whole. A key part of that character and appearance includes trees. The 2 trees are listed in a conservation area, they are some distance from the building so some pruning might be appropriate.
- 2) Under the **Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981**, it is against the law to fell or cut back trees in a garden if it will affect nesting birds. Many birds nest in the trees there and in the surrounding gardens as the area is a tranquil haven for wildlife and birds. Felling of the 2 trees will result in loss of vital nesting sites for birds.
- 3) The felling of the 2 trees will also be a devastating loss of amenity to local residents resulting in detrimental effects on the biodiversity, air quality and destroy wildlife natural habitats.
- 4) The destruction of the trees will cause light pollution and the loss of views overlooking the large green oasis currently enjoyed by local residents. The increase in light pollution from surrounding buildings resulting from the tree felling, will erode the quality of life for not only residents but wildlife shielded from light pollution within tree canopies.
- 5) Much evidence, including the **Forest Research - Role of urban trees and greenspaces in urban climate regulation** programme has proved that loss of trees is a factor in climate change and healthy trees

must be preserved, not felled. Therefore, it is imperative that Camden Planning make it a top environmental priority to preserve listed trees in conservation areas to protect local residents, future generations and wildlife from the adverse effects of climate change.

Please consider my objection with the utmost urgency and seriousness and refuse the Planning Application 2022/1187/T to fell the 2 trees in 104 Albert Street, London NW1.

Regards

Nicky Scott-Francis

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