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2022/1187/T	Antonia Mitchell	11/04/2022 15:07:22	OBJ	We are very concerned about the plans to fell two mature trees. The heavily polluted nature of the Camden streets means that we are in desperate need of more mature trees, not less of them, for the health of all our residents. This is without mentioning the environmental needs of the animals that live in the area. Given the councils recent agreement to focus on environmental needs we very much hope that they will seek to protect these trees.
2022/1187/T	RICHARD STEPHEN COTTON	10/04/2022 16:41:41	COMM	I wish to oppose this application on the following grounds:- These are listed trees in an area that has already lost too many trees. They are a considerable distance from the building and I would expect irrefutable evidence that felling rather than pruning is necessary. Local residents feel that the insurers are being over zealous. Trees affect air quality in a part of London which suffers from poor air quality.

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2022/1187/T	Angela Maguire	11/04/2022 14:18:33	OBJ	<p>On reflection and on balance as freeholder/owner of both gardens at 121-123 Arlington Road NW1 7ET that directly back onto 102-104 Albert Street I regret I support the felling of both trees in the circumstances. May I suggest they be replaced with other trees or shrubs more suitable in size and better positioned and give some existing plants a chance to grow.</p> <p>My reasons for felling are as follows:</p> <p>1) Sadly, both I believe are self-seeded weeds of the tree world. I don't believe they have been planted by a person as such.</p> <p>While the gardens are in a conservation area they are gardens not forests.</p> <p>The trees have been neglected and I expect may well continue to be in the future.</p> <p>As a direct neighbour it is frustrating to have no influence in the maintenance or lack of despite the impact on my property.</p> <p>Currently I feel it wouldn't be wise to replace my shed and summer house at the end of the garden with a garden office as I wish as I feel it is too risky as so close to both trees and concerned may be upended by a storm or a disease as happened previously in that spot. Both species of tree (Ash and Sycamore) I understand are prone to disease, and therefore vulnerable in stormy weather.</p> <p>2) The larger of the 2 trees in Cecil House Garden grew up rapidly where a similar sized tree in our garden fell in the great storm of 1987 causing massive damage across 3 gardens. It took some considerable time and expense to dispose of the tree and to reinstate the boundaries. It fell across our garden and 3 of our neighbours gardens, falling the entire length of the 100ft garden, up to our kitchen window and doors. Quite spectacular.</p> <p>I have lived in Arlington Road in this house together with my late husband since 1979 and have witnessed this particular trees rapid growth, as I have no intention of leaving my home this bothers me.</p> <p>Whilst accepting the vital importance of conservation and understanding the impact of random tree felling on air quality and biodiversity we must accept sometimes it is a necessary evil.</p> <p>In the event of a decision to keep these trees may I request an undertaking from the building owner /insurer and those in favour of keeping them to pollard or prune and keep trees in check regularly that they might pay for any repairs that currently need to be carried out now or in the future and be responsible for compensating for any damage caused by the trees.</p> <p>3) My insurers have declined in advance to insure a home office for any reasonable sum anyway.</p> <p>4) Currently, I am sitting on plans to replace the shed and summerhouse at the end of my garden because of the tree situation in Cecil House. I have held back due to the 'tree' situation.</p> <p>I also would like to enquire if the tree is felled does the ground need time to settle before any new foundations are built, if so how much time? And would the felling affect the summer house and shed as they stand now?</p> <p>4) Finally, for the record in a previous home, the heat wave and drought in summer of 1976 the roots of a relatively innocent looking tree in the front garden shrunk under the bay window, to the extent the solid Victorian house developed severe cracks over 2 floors reaching up into the roof and additional subsidence. It's the tiny roots which are the ones that shrink and cause most of the damage in a drought I understand.</p> <p>As a result the entire flank wall of an end of terrace required underpinning and tie bars in the loft space. So having had some personal experience of the practical damage innocent looking trees can sometimes cause from my point of view it might be preferable to find some middle ground if possible that preserves biodiversity and air quality in the area.</p> <p>Nice new healthy trees or shrubs with less invasive shallower roots, beautiful blossoms away from walls can</p>

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				<p>be sourced and that would please everyone don't you think?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
2022/1187/T	CTCAAC	11/04/2022 11:35:38	OBJ	<p>The Camden Town CAAC strongly objects to the loss of these important mature trees for the following reasons:</p> <p>Biodiversity: There are no public gardens in the residential part of the Conservation Area and street trees are routinely pollarded back resulting in poor branch frameworks for nesting birds, and delayed canopy cover to attract insects (bats also feed in this locality). These two mature rear garden trees are therefore an important and significant contributor to these fundamental aspects within the CA providing excellent biodiversity in this garden block.</p> <p>Carbon Sequestration: Both species are Category A carbon credit species trees (see Barcham's "Top Trunks" carbon sequestration guide). Camden has declared a climate emergency and should not be permitting the release of this carbon as a consequence.</p> <p>Visual Amenity: They provide important visual screening for residential amenity and the character of backland plots in the CA. See CTCA AMP p21 "The trees and greenery of back gardens are only visible in occasional glimpses from the public realm but contribute to the nature of the western part of the Conservation Area... mature trees are an important element in the character and appearance of the Conservation Area."</p> <p>Structural matters: Removal of mature trees such as these often cause more damage to structures due to heave than any initial subsidence has caused. Retention with careful management would be the correct solution in the vast majority of cases on clay soils.</p>