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**APPLICATION: 106 GREAT RUSSELL STREET LONDON WC1B 3NB
APPLICATION NUMBER 2022/1475/T
APPLICATION TYPE: APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S)
COVERED BY A TPO**

OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION

I am a life-long resident of Bedford Court Mansions which borders the site in question and I am directly impacted by this proposal to which I object in the strongest terms.

This is a proposal by Artemide to perform works on a tree under a TPO. While this may sound reasonable, the present condition of the tree arises from years of neglect by the applicant and our concern is that this is an effort to get rid of the tree altogether despite the TPO.

When the tree was first placed under a TPO, the site owners were obliged to carry out a regular programme of preservation and maintenance. This they did at first, but after a while they stopped.

As a result, the health of the tree has not been properly preserved for years, nor has maintenance been carried out, to the extent that the tree has become a danger to the adjoining property Bedford Court Mansions where I live.

This application makes no mention of the TPO or preservation of the tree's health. It gives vague trimming specifications without reference to neighbouring properties, and it is a one-time application with no reference to maintenance.

No detailed arboriculture details are provided. These should be essential with a tree under a TPO.

In our view, as observed over years, Artemide/the owners of the site/the applicants have not discharged their legal responsibilities regarding the

tree and for that reason alone this application should be rejected. They have also neglected their duty of care as regards neighbouring properties.

Further the application as it stands makes no provisions for future preservation of the tree or regular maintenance of it, both in situ and with regard to neighbours.

Given these violations and established neglect by the applicants, our concern is that this application represents yet another attempt to destroy the tree despite the TPO.

This application should be rejected. It is not responsible, and it misrepresents the existing condition of the tree, reasons for same, and the long-established neglect.

Instead, Camden should now recognise that the TPO has been violated and oblige the applicants to resume its obligations to tree and neighbouring properties and to institute a regular programme of maintenance.

Many thanks,
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