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Subject: Tree o/s 48 Leighton Rd NW5 2QE Application 2022/3701/T

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To: Planning

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To Tree Allocation

I am objecting to this application to chop down the London Plane Tree outside no. 48 Leighton Rd.

The reason for my objection is that this magnificent tree is one of an avenue of London plane trees in Leighton Road. To chop down one is to look at the situation in a piecemeal way, and to leave a sad gap in the leafy street. There are 8 large London Plane trees on the southern side of Leighton Road. Three of these, outside nos. 120, 122, and 126 are within the land of those addresses. On the northern side there are 6 large London plane trees.

I have read the statement from Ms Azadeh, and I sympathise with her predicament. What I don't understand is why she has been permitted to put in this application, since the tree is not on her land. It's on the pavement and therefore is on Council property.

All these trees were pollarded severely just a few years ago by the Council. Has the Council appointed an arboriculturalist to research for a solution to this problem which doesn't involve the drastic, radical step of chopping down this and later the other wonderful London plane trees in Leighton Road?

I urge you not to go ahead with chopping down this tree until further investigations have been carried out.

Yours Faithfully

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