

From: J Mason
Sent: 20 September 2022 00:07
To: Planning
Subject: Re: The Tree of Heaven and Walnut Tree

(Resent) 20/09/2022

Dear Planning and Rosa,
RE: The Tree of Heaven and Walnut Tree

Rosa, firstly thank you for your email, and offer to discuss your request to reduce the tree. I would be happy to discuss this matter further.

NB/ I have spoken to the Planning Team at Camden Council and Tree Preservation Team, they confirm that the tree has a preservation order. And, that they have not (as yet) processed your request, and that such requests usually take 3 months to process, as the tree is protected by law.

I would therefore request that the Tree Preservation Order be upheld in regard to the "Tree of Heaven" at 35 St Augustine's Road NW1.

In your note that was posted through my door you indicated that you planned (at least at that stage) to reduce the tree "as much as possible" **and you** had contacted the council and had sought permission to **cut back this protected tree "as much as possible"**,

NB/ Please see a copy of the note attached.

I understand that this tree has a Tree Preservation Order: I would therefore in this email request that the order be upheld and that the "Tree of Heaven" is not cut back - and certainly not cut back "as much as possible", as it is a protected tree, (while the protection order is reviewed by the appropriate Legal authority).

I have lived at 33 St Augustine's Road since 2007 and enjoyed the view of this magnificent and rare unusual tree. I understand that it is a rare tree that was planted from Kew Gardens some considerable time ago, and hence it has therefore attracted a "protection order".

The tree's form and proportions are perfectly balanced in their current condition in its current location, from what I can see, any attempt to reduce the tree as

has been proposed in the note would destroy what is a most remarkable tree which adds much pleasure to living at 33 St Augustine's road.

The tree has not caused any problems in the 15 years i have lived at 33 St Augustine's road so I am not clear Rosa why an application has been made now to considerably alter the character of this protected tree, the rationale frankly does not add up, and such general statements ie proposed: in your last email: *only be what is healthy for the tree to maintain it and to make it safe for the buildings nearby - particularly those in the Mews who are very close.* NB/ these remarks could probably be said about any large tree in the area, and should not be grounds for altering this unique and protected tree.

As his tree has a Tree Preservation Order: I would therefore in this email request that the order be upheld and that the "Tree of Heaven" is not cut back as much as possible, as it is a protected tree, (while the protection order is reviewed by the appropriate Legal authority).

I look forward to the Council Planning Team reviewing this matter regarding this protected tree, and I hope to hear that the tree will be protected, given how much this tree adds to the appearance and aesthetic quality of this neighbourhood, and to my quality of life as a resident, and I am sure for other residents.

Yours sincerely,
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