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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Re Application Ref: 2022/5180/T

Dear Sir/Madam

I write regarding the aforementioned notice of intended works to trees in a conservation, specifically the felling of 3 x sycamores in the rear garden of 5 Cleve Road, London NW6 3RG.

Firstly I would like it noted that I received the letter notifying of the intended works on 29th December 2022. The letter was dated 28 November 2022 thus the 21 day deadline had already lapsed. This is not acceptable and therefore I would like to insist that interested parties should be allowed further time to register their opinions in relation to this matter as we should not have to pay the price of the endless postal strikes of recent weeks. I provide my comments below

The application states that "The trees have a poor form and habit, due to being smothered in ivy for years." I do not agree that this is a sufficient reason for the removal of 3 mature trees that provide much needed visual amenity and character in an area that is largely built up. The trees also provide much-needed privacy and screening out of light and noise between properties in close proximity and their removal will likely result in significantly greater noise nuisance between neighbouring gardens and properties. In addition, in the incredibly hot temperatures that we now seem to be experiencing with regular occurrence during the summer months these tall trees perform a vital function in providing essential shade during the hottest part of the day.

Despite being covered in ivy the trees do not otherwise appear to be suffering critical ill-health and therefore the landlord should be compelled to make every effort to retain and improve them through regular maintenance rather than be allowed to simply remove them as a direct result of their own neglect over a period of years.

I would appreciate confirmation that my views are taken into consideration.

Many thanks

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