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Regeneration and Planning Development  
Management  
London Borough of Camden  
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Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2022-37916

18th January 2023

Dear Rav Curry,

**Proposal: TOW PATH AREA BY BRIDGE: 1 x Ash (T7)- Reduce in height to approx. 7m high. 1 x Alder (T8) - Reduce in height to approx. 7m high. 1 x Sycamore (T9) - Reduce in height to approx. 7m high. 1 x Sycamore (T10) - Reduce in height to 1 x Sycamore (T13) - Reduce in height to approx. 12m high. To facilitate bridge repairs.**

**Location: Bridge LEC1/9E Regents Canal, Gloucester Avenue, London**

**Waterway: Regent's Canal**

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response, as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), is the following general advice:

Notwithstanding the need to consider biodiversity/habitat safeguards and enhancements, there is a strong heritage conservation case for robust management of woody vegetation in the confined context of the Regent's Canal cutting at this location, where intruding tree roots and limbs can cause structural harm to historic fabric and canopies can become over-sized. We therefore consider that to protect the structural integrity of the offside wash-wall between Gloucester Avenue (Fitzroy Bridge, Bridge 16) and the Network Rail bridge (Bridge 17), in line with the Trust's engineering asset protection guidance, Trees T8, T9 and T10 should be completely removed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

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