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Sent: 11 March 2023 09:05
To: Planning Planning
Subject: Objection to application 2023/0282/P

Dear Camden Planning

We write to overwhelmingly object to the proposed destruction of the beautiful and environmentally important 20 trees that are to be cut down to ostensibly support a new balustrade in Chester Terrace Gardens. As residents of Chester Terrace for over 20 years, we are astounded at the extent and unnecessary vandalism of such an important part of the Terrace.

Despite several reports from experts in the field, the CEPC are proposing an extreme solution to support the balustrade and thus destroy the natural environment of the Chester Terrace Gardens.

No documentation of the rate and degree of movement of the balustrade have been established, and the considered opinion of experts is that until we know the extent of the movement, we should repair the cracks, monitor the movement and wait. It should also be made known that the CEPC have done little to maintain the balustrade since it was first noted to have cracks in 2014.

We are aware that Camden Council have a very strong policy on conservation and the environment. In addition to the trees in the garden adding considerable character, natural beauty and substance to the Terrace, they are an important contributor to the local macro and micro-environments. The cutting down of the trees and shrubs will increase the air pollution for residents (which is already 50% higher than the WHO guidelines). It will additionally destroy the aesthetics, increase the noise pollution and remove the security screening.

At present the quality of air in Chester terrace, NW1 4ND is already poor. Below is the data from <https://londonair.org.uk/map-maker/>

- NO2 is 44 µg/m³ exceeding the WHO limit of 40 µg/m³
- PM10 is 24 µg/m³ exceeding the WHO limit of 20 µg/m³
- PM2.5 is 15 µg/m³ exceeding the WHO limit of 10 µg/m³

We urge Camden Planning to reject this application.

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