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Subject: FW: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : HGY/2022/2764
Site Address: 27 Dukes Avenue London N10 2PX
Comments by: John McShane
From:
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Submission: Objection
Comments: FROM John McShane

I wish to object to this application to remove the long-established London plane tree due to its alleged impact on to 2 Elms Avenue, Muswell Hill..

I have sympathy for the residents of number 2, but I think it is totally inappropriate to reduce a mature tree to ground level in an attempt to resolve the matter.

It should be cut back drastically - but not destroyed entirely.

When tree surgeons last attended the London plane some years ago, they only slightly reduced its branches above the garden of 27 Dukes Avenue - where it is growing from - while not touching the 'overhang'

above the pavement and road in Dukes Avenue at all.

If this time it is greatly reduced in size all over, not just one side, then this would surely have the effect of reducing the possibility of root damage to houses nearby.

(The costs referred to repair any existing damage - which will have to be done anyway - will no doubt be met by the respective parties' insurers anyway)

I note that another objector to the destruction of this tree is concerned that once it has vanished completely, this will clear the way for planning applications for more homes to be built

on the site it now occupies.

This is a valid concern and one I share.

Incidentally, I only received 'snail mail' notification of this application this week in the post. As it has been half-term recently I fear many people will not be aware of it by November 8.

John McShane

Dukes Avenue,