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From: Planning Support
Subject: FW: Objection HGY/2023/0827 please recall previous email and read this one as typos were made !

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Dear Daniel

I am writing further to my objection to the removal of the TPO Oak Tree scouts park

I make the following points:

- Dr D P O'Callaghan, FICFor, F Arbor A, MISA did not visit the site but relied on paperwork
- the Crawford Insurers technical report stated that : The paving/retaining wall/steps have been affected by general clay shrinkage caused by the dry weather and shallow foundations, rather than a direct results of the influence of the trees. In addition, the paving has slumped due to poor compaction of backfill and poor/non-existent pointing allowing rainfall to erode beneath
- The foundations of the extension were shallow and possibly poor workmanship in the case of both the extension and the previous underpinning , in my view the shed is just a rough and ready lean to.
- Who signed off the extension work and the previous underpinning ? Building control ?
- The oak tree has not had significant pruning or crown reduction in the 20 years I have lived here.
- The Scout Park are objecting to the removal of the the TPO
- The Scout Park state that money for managing the tree (rather than felling it) is not an issue
- All parties do not want the oak tree removed , the owners of the property indicated that they do not want to see the tree felled
- Any movement is ' Slight' and there are other proven methods to manage the risk of subsidence such as tree pruning, crown reduction ,root barriers, and adequate underpinning.
- An oak tree provides habitat for over 2,300 species of life providing a vital wildlife resource and is a critical source of CO 2 carbon capture.
- On 4/5/2023 there was found to be considerable bat activity around and in the tree. A Bat Survey needs to be carried out.

I realize that Haringey councils are routinely bullied by Insurers to take down good trees as a cheap option/ alternative to doing work needed, and are being threatened and held to ransom in subsidence claims.

Indeed Catherine West MP will be talking in Parliament about this oak tree in particular and the pressure Insurers put on Councils to influence this horrible situation

I make the following points:

- The UK is one of the only countries who routinely fell trees for insurance claims. I support the Council taking a stand on this issue and encouraging better dialogue with insurers
- I also recommend that Haringey signing up to the Joint Mitigation Protocol may help your cases <https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/joint-mitigation-protocol>
- Please arrange for an truly independent arborist report and ask the insurers to fully evaluate previous underpinning done, before taking this drastic and unnecessary action to remove this irreplaceable tree.
- **As a long term resident of Woodfield Way for over 20 years I am devastated at the potential loss of this Oak tree and I am offering to pay for this Independent report**

thank you for your help in this pressing issue

best wishes jessica

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