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Dear Dan of Toronto Urban Forestry

Attachment No. 2

I am writing to express my opposition of removing the 90cm wide healthy tree in the back of 34 Aldgate Ave. Having a degree in both Environmental Studies and Urban Planning I can write a textbook length argument indicating both social and environmental reasons for not destroying this tree. However, I am sure Toronto Urban Forestry is well aware of these factors. The bottom line is that this is the largest tree on the block between Waniska Ave and Ringley Ave. Removing it will drastically alter and negatively impact the beauty and character of the street. It will destroy a vibrant ecosystem. Seeing as it also one of the very few large trees on the block, it will change the landscape of the street more to that of the outer suburbs, something local residents do not want. Trees such as this one make this street very desirable and appealing to all the residents I personally know living here. Removing it will be an insult. In fact, I am very surprised Toronto Urban Forestry would even process an application for destroying a "healthy tree" of this size. Lastly, I have consulted with other home owners who have trees of similar size immediately adjacent to their house or garage. None of their structures have been damaged because of roots or branches (which of course have to be pruned at times). I simply cannot find any justification for destroying this beautiful piece of nature. I am hopeful the City of Toronto and Toronto Urban Forestry will reject the request for removing this tree and ensure all other healthy large trees remain standing in this neighborhood.

Thank You

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