

# Canonmills Trees may yet be saved



We have heard today from the Stop the Chop campaign that the Council has indeed delayed felling any more trees at [Canonmills](#) meantime, and that they have entered into a dialogue with the campaigners to try and find an alternative solution.

Ana Rinchen Khandro who is leading the campaign writes:-

*Following the presentation of the petition of over 1,100 signatories, which was received at Holyrood by MSPs Malcolm Chisholm and Marco Biagi, a copy of the covering letter was given to Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. Last Monday a copy of the entire petition was also given to Leader of the Council Jenny Dawe and Chief Executive Sue Bruce.*

*Last Wednesday an email was sent to Director of City Planning Dave Anderson who replied promptly with a more positive response, indicating a willingness to explore alternative methods to secure flood defence whilst protecting the trees of this much loved public landmark and precious green space at Canonmills. This represents a welcome return to the original plan which states that these trees should be retained.*

*There has also been a flurry of activity on site with workers from Arup and Lagan looking into modifying their working methods to effect flood defence yet safeguard the trees.*

*This is welcome news, but until we get official confirmation,*

*we won't be celebrating quite yet. Retaining these trees would make a lot of people very happy, not to mention all the birds, wildlife and countless creatures that depend on them. It would be a great Christmas present for all concerned, including the Council!*

*Meanwhile, we'll keep saying our prayers,*

*Ani Rinchen Khandro*