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Dear Tree Team

Re: Tree removal application No 2023/253/T

I am writing to oppose the proposed tree removal of a Magnolia tree in the rear garden of 19 Steele's Road, NW3 4SH.

The application has been made by the Powers of Attorney to Michael Spiro who is the owner of the property (ground and upper ground floor flat) and presently in a home.

The application has been made because the Powers of Attorney to Michael Spiro have received an offer to purchase the property on the condition that the tree is cut down. This is because the purchaser wishes to apply to build an extension to the property.

I am objecting to the above application on the following grounds:

The Magnolia tree is a mature, very healthy tree planted over 40 years ago by the deceased wife of the present owner of the property..

It is a tree of considerable value and beauty in an existing conservation area.

It poses no danger to the property or to any person.

Camden Council has a duty of care to preserve open spaces in the borough and preserve trees if they are healthy, pose no danger and are a benefit to the environment.

Building in existing open spaces should not be a reason to cut down a healthy, mature and beautiful tree.

With best wishes

Anna Hodgson