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To: Planning

Subject: Opposition to removal of tree at 19 Steele's Road- Application ref. 2023/2513/T

Dear Sir/Madam

Application 2023/2513/T

I wish to object to the removal of the magnolia tree in the back garden of 19 Steele's Road NW3 4SH for the following reasons:

The property is in a conservation area.

The tree is about forty years old and as a mature tree it provides welcome shade in the garden during the summer heat as well as other environmental benefits which are essential given the changing climate.

When in bloom it has given untold pleasure to me and other neighbours as well as the current owner whose much loved wife planted the tree. Trees and gardens are important for our wildlife as well as our emotional support and should be protected.

I understand the sole basis for the application is because a potential buyer of the flat wishes to extend into the garden which does not seem to be a valid reason. There is no guarantee that the purchase will go ahead and, if it did, the proposal to build into the small garden will potentially result in loss of light in neighbouring properties.

I hope you will refuse the application and we can all continue to enjoy the tree's beauty.

Yours faithfully

Wendy Barber