

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/3527/T	B A Abraham for The Belsize Society	18/09/2023 18:21:20	OBJ	<p>For the Belsize Society: we object to the felling of T1, a mature and healthy Ash tree that is visible from the street. Trees are important positive contributors to the character of the Belsize Conservation Area and this tree forms part of a valuable green area at the back of Eton Avenue and Lancaster Grove, providing privacy and mitigating air and noise pollution. Groupings of trees provide an extended environmentally-friendly green canopy that encourages bio-diversity. The Council should consider granting TPO status to this Ash tree. The application offers no evidence as to the level of structural damage, nor about whether there is an ongoing problem or whether the subsidence is attributable solely to the exceptionally hot, dry summer of 2022. Felling of trees should be the last resort and a programme of level monitoring should be carried out to clarify the extent of any ongoing problem. Additionally, the Arboricultural Report notes that neither of the 2 trees proposed for felling has been subject to "significant recent management" and a programme of pruning should be carried out over the next few years to see if pruning is effective in preventing future structural damage.</p>
