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2023/4340/T	B A Abraham for The Belsize Society	17/10/2023 08:54:06	OBJ	For The Belsize Society: This False Acacia is a fine mature tree, highly visible from the street and for a considerable distance up and down Haverstock Hill. It makes a major contribution to the streetscape and has significant amenity value. Felling the tree should be the last resort after all other options have been explored. The structural damage is described as "slight foundation movement" (Pyle Engineering Report), "minor foundation movement of front entrance steps" and "the structural significance of the damage was found to fall within Category 2 (Slight) BRE Digest 251" (MWA Revised Arboricultural Appraisal Report." It is acknowledged by all parties that the damage was exacerbated by the exceptionally hot, dry summer of 2022. As such, it would appear that the situation does not require immediate drastic action. Rather than felling the tree, a programme of pruning should be undertaken over the next few years to see if this is effective in solving the problem.

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