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2024/1384/T	B A Abraham for The Belsize Society	18/04/2024 15:39:32	OBJ	<p>The Maple tree (shown as both T1 and T3) is highly visible from the street and is an attractive, well-formed tree that makes a positive contribution to the streetscape. It is worthy of a TPO. As such, felling should be the last resort, whereas here it seems to be the first and only remedy considered. There is inconclusive evidence that this tree is causing subsidence, or that there is a serious degree of subsidence or that there is an ongoing problem with subsidence. The insurance company appears to be relying on the assumptions of a loss adjuster and an arboricultural report, rather than engaging a structural engineer to assess the situation and carrying out level monitoring over a period of time. It is possible that the exceptionally hot and dry conditions of summer 2022 were responsible for a one-off subsidence event. Alternative solutions such as a programme of regular pruning or the use of a root barrier have not been considered, but should be.</p>

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