

From: **Roger Jeffs**

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Subject: ref 2024/1723/T 33 Belsize park NW3

To: tree section

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Dear sir,

i am a gardener and qualified with a city and guilds in tree surgery, from Merristwood college in 1996.

I have worked on the privet hedge between numbers 33 and 34 Belsize park for 15 to 20 years now, it's regularly maintained. I'm astounded that anyone might suggest it is causing damage to these properties, likewise the cordyline.

Such insubstantial plants are not likely to cause heave nor threaten any foundations with their roots.

There is a good size lime tree in the rear garden of no 34 that is close to both houses. This, I believe, is a much more probable cause of any damage. I performed a reduction on this tree in 2022 and think a further reduction would be a far more sensible course of action than the pointless removal of the privet and cordyline.

please turn down this planning application.