

**From: Barbara Abraham**

**Sent: 21 December 2024 13:14**

**To: Planning**

**Subject: 2024/5672/T: Gilling Court Belsize Grove London NW3 4XD - Application for Works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO**

**For the Belsize Society: Please explain why this application is not subject to public consultation, as previous tree applications at this property have been. We look forward to receiving an explanation.**

**We object to the felling of this TPO protected tree. The reason given for the felling is "as a preventative measure" against possible future subsidence. Trees are of the greatest importance to the Belsize Conservation Area and indeed to the wider urban area, and this is not an adequate reason to fell a mature TPO protected tree.**

**T6 is situated at the far end of one block of the building, at the opposite end of the block to the area of subsidence identified and evidenced in 2023/5279/T. Had T6 been implicated in any way in the subsidence claim, this would no doubt have been stated. The Arboricultural Consultancy Report included in 2023/5279/T recommended the following "Action to avoid future risk" for T6: "Subject to regular management; maintain in line with BRE IP7/06 by repollarding on a 3-year cycle." No evidence has been presented to suggest that the recommended action will not be sufficient to avoid future subsidence.**

**No proposal is included for a substitute tree to be planted.**

**Objection made by B A Abraham for The Belsize Society of 15 Howitt Close, London, NW3 4LX**