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To: Planning

Subject: 2024/5706/T: Gilling Court Belsize Grove London NW3 4UY: Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

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 proposed felling of this lime tree and request that the Council considers granting a TPO.

TG1 is situated in the middle of one block of the building, some way from the area of subsidence identified and evidenced in 2023/5279/T. Had TG1 been implicated in any way in the subsidence claim, this would no doubt have been stated. The arboricultural report in 2023/5279/T recommended the following "Action to avoid future risk" for TG1: "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.

The report indicated that the tree was approx. 12.9m high in 2023 so the tree is significant and extremely important to the environment at the back of Gilling Court and Howitt Road. This area has been denuded of trees, with their many benefits, in recent years and as one of the very few remaining trees, this lime tree is precious to the neighbourhood.

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