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| 2025/0868/T | B A Abraham for The Belsize Society | 15 Howitt Close London NW3 4LX | 16/03/2025 15:16:24 | OBJ | <p>For The Belsize Society: we object to the felling of T1, which is identified as a Black Poplar (populus nigra). The Woodland Trust describes the Black Poplar as "Imposing, elegant, rare. The black poplar was once a staple of Britain's landscape but these days, the trees are few and far between." The tree is highly visible from Primrose Gardens and is much valued by the residents of Ormonde Court (10-14 Belsize Grove, NW3 4UP) and no doubt by the residents of the many other flats that overlook the tree. One resident describes the tree as "healthy and beautiful" and photos of the tree in summer show it to be a magnificent tree.</p> <p>We request that this mature and rare tree is given TPO status, to prevent such a special tree from being felled for the inadequate reasons given, i.e. "to eliminate the need for continuous maintenance" and to prevent the tree becoming a nuisance in the future. Most urban trees, including this Black Poplar, benefit from pruning from time to time: there would be no mature trees left in the area if saving maintenance costs were a valid reason for eliminating trees.</p> <p>Apart from its importance as a fine and rare tree in its own right, T1 is one of a number of trees in the triangle of back gardens between Belsize Grove, Primrose Gdns and Belsize Pk Gdns, forming an oasis of green canopies and helping to combat climate change. As well as providing privacy and a sense of wellbeing to local residents, this green area provides important protection against noise and the air pollution of traffic on nearby Haverstock Hill. The abundant green canopy of a variety of trees in these back gardens, including T1's, forms an extended diverse wildlife habitat, with the potential for biodiversity beyond that of individual, isolated trees. These green landscape features are characteristic of the Belsize Conservation Area.</p> |
| 2025/0868/T | Jean Peccei | 23 Ormonde Court 10-14 Belsize Grove NW3 4UP | 14/03/2025 12:58:29 | OBJ | <p>Additions to my objection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "to eliminate the need for continuous maintenance" is not a valid reason to fell a beautiful mature tree in a conservation area which contributes to the beauty and views of multiple properties which overlook it. The tree should be regularly cut back instead. 2. Why is Flat 1, 16 Belsize Grove listed as the owner of the trees? The entire building and grounds belong to the Notting Hill Genesis housing association. The application appears to be incorrect. |