

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1526/T	BA Abraham for The Belsize Society	15 Howitt Close London NW3 4LX	27/04/2025 20:15:40	OBJ	<p>For the Belsize Society: we object to the felling of these trees. The trees are visible from Belsize Lane and, whilst not as old as the early 19th century GII listed Hunters Lodge (5 Belsize Lane), the London plane trees provide an attractive and appropriate setting for the historic property. It is a little surprising that they are not already subject to a TPO and we request that this is considered now. These trees are important to the listed building, to the neighbourhood and to the wider conservation area, and felling them should be the very last resort after all other options have been addressed.</p> <p>Generally, the evidence supplied about the trees being the cause of the cracking in the walls of 2 Perceval Ave seems muddled and inconclusive. The Loss Adjuster's report of Oct 2024 does not take account of the level monitoring carried out Feb 2023-Jan 2025, and the level monitoring results themselves do not self-evidently implicate the trees. Problems caused by past underpinning are mentioned as possibly responsible for the damage and drainage problems are identified as another potential cause of the cracking but there is no confirmation that the drainage problems have been remedied.</p> <p>At the very least, as an alternative to felling the trees, a programme of management of the trees should be undertaken over a few years.</p>
