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| 2025/1730/T | Bruno Coppola | 67 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3 4JN | 14/05/2025 09:23:54 | OBJ | <p>OBJECTION Re: Application ref: 2025/1730/T</p> <p>I have received the notice dated 23 April regarding proposed Works to a Tree covered by a TPO. This is an amended version of an earlier proposal dated 9 April (2025/1563/T). The amendments that have been made are not fully reflected in the Amendment Summary.</p> <p>I am Bruno Coppola of 67 Belsize Park Gardens, NW3 4JN, and I am the owner of the tree in question, a large and beautiful London plane tree which is located on my property at 67 Belsize Park Gardens NW3 4JN and is covered by a TPO.</p> <p>I object to this tree application, and ask that it be rejected on the grounds of repeated inaccuracy, omission of fundamental facts, attempting to hide the fact that I own the tree, ignoring the tree's protected status, and failure to consider the health and value of a much-loved and protected tree.</p> <p>The original application (2025/1563/T), which was made on behalf of 36 Lambolle Road (the property across the rear garden wall from my home), contained many incorrect statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TREE LOCATION: named on the application as "36 Lambolle Road" whereas the tree in fact stands in the garden of 67B Belsize Park Gardens (my property) - WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? Under "Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a TPO?" the applicant ticked "No", whereas the tree is in fact subject to a TPO. - IDENTIFICATION OF TREE(S) AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS: shown on the application as "Tree located at 67 Belsize Park Crescent" which address does not exist. The tree is located at 67b Belsize Park Gardens, which is my property. - TREE OWNERSHIP: Under "Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?" the applicant has ticked "Yes" whereas the correct answer is "No" – as I am the owner of the tree, not the applicant. <p>On 17 April 2025, I sent an email to treesection@camden.gov.uk with copy to planning@camden.gov.uk. In my email I pointed out the incorrect statements and attached a copy of the original application (2025/1563/T), with inaccuracies marked in red, and requested a visit from the Tree Section to establish the facts, decide what works to the tree might be appropriate, and to make my own application in that light. I have never received a reply to that email.</p> <p>The revised application (2025/1730/T) also contains errors, which I have marked and sent to you in an email today. Importantly, the Amendment Summary is inaccurate and misleading. The only amendment shown on the Amendment Summary is the following, as if the only amendment needed was to correct a typo, masking the fact that the original application claimed ownership of the tree for 36 Lambolle Place:</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Tree Ownership - Address Line 1</p> <p>Previous Answers: Belsize Park</p> <p>(INCORRECT - Previous answer was "36 Lambolle Place")</p> <p>Updated Answers: Belsize Park Gardens</p> <p>The Amendment Summary omits the facts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ownership of the tree has been amended to show that the Applicant is not the owner – while still neglecting to advise that I am the owner, a fact known to the Applicant. - The status of the tree as protected by a TPO has been amended from “No” to “Yes”, but without reference to the TPO number, and without giving any details of how the TPO will be respected, as required when a TPO is in force. <p>There is a history of disputes originating with the owner (or, possibly, the father of the owner) of 36 Lambolle Road (the property across the wall from mine). The current tree application may be viewed as a “back door” into damaging and/or killing my tree, in order to reduce the amount of leaves that fall onto the garden of 36 Lambolle Road, which is a goal expressed by the owner of that property. Alternately, the motivation may be to reduce and/or kill my tree, in order to obtain more sunlight at 36 Lambolle Road. Either way, I object to the current application, and do not want this neighbour to cut my tree. I need to protect its integrity, and preserve its long-term health.</p> <p>The owner of 36 Lambolle Road has recently purchased a flat (67A Rear) in my house (67 Belsize Park Gardens), and has erected a fence which is, according to the professional independent surveyor’s report, illegally situated on my property at 67B Belsize Park Gardens. The father of the owner of 36 Lambolle Road has stated that his intention is to “take over all the two adjoining gardens, from Lambolle Road through to Belsize Park Gardens” – something which will not happen, as I own the garden at 67B Belsize Park Gardens, and will not be moving. I have written to treesection@camden.gov.uk and planning@camden.gov.uk about this matter, as well.</p> <p>I am 67 years old, living on my State Pension, and have lived at 67 Belsize Park Gardens for over 40 years. It is my home and I intend to remain there. I am advised that I should consider reporting these continued and repeated examples of unneighbourly conduct to the Council as abuse of an older person.</p> <p>In any event, I object to this tree application, and ask that it be rejected on the grounds of repeated inaccuracy, omission, failure to consider the health and value of a much-loved and protected tree, and the risk that a non-owner will damage the tree beyond the “2 metres approx back into most recent pruning points”. The applicant’s erection of a fence one meter over the line, onto my property, indicates that the applicant does not respect boundaries.</p> <p>I also recognise that large trees require maintenance, and would be grateful for a visit by a representative of the Tree Section, so that we may look at the tree together, and come up with</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>an appropriate application for any maintenance work which my tree may require.</p> <p>Whether or not the Tree Section finds time for a visit, I intend to replace this current application with a new application made by me, ensuring that any works required are undertaken by me and my tree surgeon – not by the owner of 36 Lambolle Road who seems, on the strength of these applications, the continued lack of transparency on the Amendment Summary, and the erection of a fence on my property, to be untrustworthy.</p> <p>Please take this matter seriously – this is the tallest tree in Belsize Park, probably more than 200 years old, and truly irreplaceable. I urge you to reject this application, and visit the tree.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Bruno Coppola 67 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3 4JN</p>  |
