

Dear Mr Gracie,

I would like to object to the above proposed planning works on 207 , Goldhurst Terrace, NW6.

I note that the owner is proposing an underground extension.

I object to this on several grounds.

Firstly the extension is in close proximity to the house where my flat ,number1,136 Belsize Rd, NW6, is-it is situated behind this property. I worry that this may cause subsidence to my back garden and the house and damage the property. There is an underground water tunnel that runs 11 feet under the garden of the said house 207, near the proposed extension and I fear this may cause a sinkhole and damage our house . In addition this may also affect the drainage to the area if the water tunnel is damaged. This is a conservation area and at present our building is already subjected to vibration stress by a road hump in front of the house and nearby railway.

In addition the owner of 207 Goldhurst Terrace has a very large tree about 15 -20 M tall at the back of his garden , near the proposed extension which likely has deep roots and this is impinging on the back wall of our building and causing the wall to buckle and protrude into my garden,already causing a large vertical crack in the wall. The tree has not been trimmed by the owner of this house for a few years according to my neighbours and when recently asked to do so by the other flat owners, the tree owner indicated that he did not see the need. I have tried to speak to him about this but he has not returned any of my calls.As I recently bought this flat in August and had a Homebuyer survey done recently, I spoke to the surveyor who said that the tree size needed to be kept in control by regular trimming or else the tree would cause further damage to our house. There is also a large vertical crack in a second low retaining wall closer to my flat in line with the crack in the far wall which I believe is caused by his tree together with evidence of shifting of the soil from gaps appearing in the garden patio tiles- this suggests to me that the tree is already causing some earth movement . It is possible that this may be further aggravated by underground works nearby which may also damage the tree roots and lead to further unforeseen problems. He has also recently grown two Lelendii next to this large tree along our back wall which I believe may contribute to problems with soil stability as these take up alot of water.

I do not think planning permission should be granted for this project for the above reasons and I thank you for taking my views into consideration .

Kind regards

Dr Nadya Polunin