

Dear Mr. Gracie,

I am writing in regards to Planning Application 2015/4370/P,207 Goldhurst Terrace NW6 for a proposed underground extension and wish to object to this Planning application.

This application has given me cause of concern on the following grounds:

It is not known the effect the digging/removal of soil will have on the 20 mts. high tree, a Lombardi Poplar. Our gardens are back to back, this tree is closer to our property than theirs, should the roots be weakened or the tree fall, this could cause a lot of damage to our property.

Looking at page 10, Section 3.3 of the arboricultural report it reads 'the planning history indicates that the Lombardi Poplar is regularly pollared', in the 4 1/2 years that I have lived at this property, this tree has not been pollared.

Making reference to Planning application 2013/5358/T 'to reduce the hight to 8 meters and crown spread to 4 meters'. This never took place, the planning application was submitted by residents of Belsize Road to assist the owner in reducing the hight of the tree. We even offered to contribute to the expense of a tree surgeon but despite our good intentions the owner refused saying that it wasn't necessary.

Our insurance company visited the property last year and advised that the tree owner should be contacted, as it was damaging our garden wall. Upon making contact, the owner replied *'that his Chartered Forester and Surveyor had inspected the tree and mentioned that the wall could be easily protected in a manner to prevent further damage to the tree'*.

We do not understand this point, as no matter how many times the tree is pollared and reduced in hight the girth of the tree will always increase and must surely eventually push the wall over. We are interested to learn as to how his Surveyor told him that the wall can be protected. ***To this date no reply has been received from the owner.***

Additionally, we have noticed 2 new Leilandii trees next to our wall. Together with the large Lombardi Poplar we fear they will further damage the wall, dry up the heavy clay soil increasing the risk of subsidence and the effect all of this will have to our property.

It is for the above reason that I feel planning permission should not be granted.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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