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**Subject:** 24 Belsize Lane - tree application 2019/4751/T

Dear Nora-Andreea Constantinescu

24 Belsize Lane NW3 5AB - tree application 2019/4751/T

Our neighbour Mr Swagata Ganguly at 24 Belsize Lane, has lodged a tree application under 2019/4751/T to fell the large redwood tree (sequoia sempervirens) in his rear garden.

On behalf of the four flats in this building and also our freeholder (five parties), **I confirm our strong support** for the removal of this tree.

This evergreen tree is already 17m high, and its branches overhang our rear garden - also over No 22.

It will probably grow to 25m/30m high (possibly even higher) and overhang a much larger part of our rear garden - and will squeeze out other trees and overshadow rear garden greenery.

It is the same tree species as the giant redwoods in California - i.e. not native to this country - and is quite unsuitable for a town garden - I recall that it was planted by the previous owners as a small 'screen' conifer about 15/20 years ago.

This is a shrinkable clay area with great susceptibility to subsidence/heave from this large tree, because of its size and proximity to our building. These concerns apply equally to No 24 and No 22, and as this type of tree cannot be pruned, the only way forward is for its removal.

When it has been removed, the line of deciduous trees on the rear boundary (with No 11 Rosslyn Hill) provides a perfectly good privacy screen for our buildings - and in addition, our garden will be much more open to sunlight/daylight.

Kind regards - Michael Brod

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On behalf of Flats 1, 2, 3 & 4 - also on behalf of freeholder Belsize Property Management Ltd