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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 next door neighbour Mr Swagata Ganguly at 24 Belsize Lane, has lodged a tree application under 2019/4751/T to fell the redwood tree in his rear garden.

I believe you will have recently received an email from Michael Brod (flat 3, 26 Belsize Lane) to confirm support from all four flats in our building. I have since spoken to Michael wanted to take the opportunity to make a correction to his email. Support for the felling of the redwood in question is not unanimous in our building, and without wanting to contradict Michael, we feel we need to register our objection to the application.

Apart from the visual and health benefits of having more green in the neighbourhood in general, it is particularly important to our immediate property given the recent removal of other greenery either side of us (by numbers 24 and 28 Belsize Lane) which has taken place over the past 4 years during ongoing building works on both sites.

Privacy is another issue for us and although there is a tree of equal size just behind the redwood in question (on the rear boundary of No 11 Rosslyn Hill), the coverage this tree provides in summer largely disappears in winter when the other tree loses its foliage. The year long privacy provided by the redwood is therefore very important to us.

The tree also shelters our property from the noise and fumes of the busy streets and intersection which lie just beyond the tree's location. This intersection (Rosslyn Hill & Pond Street) tends to get very congested with buses, lorries, ambulances (and other to-and-fro traffic from the Royal Free hospital), as well as school-run and normal day-to-day traffic. The more trees we have to provide a buffer from the noise and fumes the better.

With respect to light, the tree is located to the North-East of our building and in the north-eastern corner of 24 Belsize Lane's back garden. Our property is lit primarily from the South and the West. The few branches from the tree which approach the perimeter of our property are fairly high up (about 10 metres) and from our perspective on the top floor we cannot see that they overhang.

With respect to the tree's size, as mentioned above the tree is of similar height to one just behind it and there are other trees in the area which are larger. In light of all the benefits provided by the tree, we feel it would be better to reassess its size at some time in the future if indeed it does grow to a size which is out of character with other trees in the area. This would also allow more time for Camden and city of London to implement further rules and regulations to curb pollution caused by road traffic.

We hope that you will take these points into consideration in your assessment of the above application.

Kind regards,

Anna McCutcheon, Tommaso Mancuso

