

Last night we discovered that on 1st April 2021 Rose Cohen of 112 Belsize Road NW6 4BG submitted a planning application to prune a tree **in our back garden**. On 14th May 2021 you wrote to Rose Cohen to tell her that this planning application had been agreed. On your planning website it says there were no objections.

**As the owners of this tree we were not consulted about this planning application.** As far as we are aware, neither were our neighbours.

The same applicant was given planning permission in late 2020 (2020/3850/T) to reduce the tree's overhang by 1.5 meters. She carried out this work early in 2021.

In the April 2021 application, having just pruned the tree by 1.5 meters, she is asking to reduce the same tree by **an additional 2.5 meters**.

Her neighbour at 110 Belsize Road contacted us because he also wants to reduce the tree's overhang in his garden. It was him that told us yesterday that planning permission had been granted last year.

In 2015 the previous owner of 110 Belsize Road put in a planning application (using my name without my permission) to cut back the overhang of the same tree by 3 meters (2015/4493/T). This was done by his tree surgeon.

In 2020 the tree was reviewed by our arboriculturist, Andrew Wassall. He said this is a healthy mature tree that requires no pruning. He also said that the pruning previously done following 110's 2015 planning application had been done very badly.

The branches of the tree that overhang the gardens of 110 and 112 Belsize are comparatively short and have already been reduced following the 2015 and 2020 planning permissions you granted.

We are concerned that more radical pruning could potentially damage the tree. And if the tree dies land heave could cause damage to our home office located next to the tree at the bottom of our garden.

We understand our neighbours may want to reduce some of branches where they overhang of their gardens. However we see no necessity to reduce the overall height of the tree, nor to prune it so radically.

This is a conservation area, greatly enhanced by the many trees in our gardens. Most local residents, supported by our local residents association, CRASH, are concerned to preserve our beautiful trees. Trees also help to achieve the council's declared aim of reducing air pollution.

We understand that our neighbours in 110 and 112 Belsize Road intend to carry out this work to our tree next week.

**Please cancel this planning permission as a matter of urgency.** Please come and see the tree, and consider our objection before coming to a decision on this issue.

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