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Subject: Comments on 2022/3776/T have been received by the council.

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For the Belsize Society: it is unclear from the planning application why it is proposed to fell T2 & T10, both Trees of Heaven subject to TPOs. Apparently it is on the basis of 'Alleged damage to property' as that box has been ticked.

However, that would require "Subsidence - A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboricultutist to support the tree work proposals. Other structural damage (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces) - Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions."

A similar application (2021/3975/T) was submitted last year and the reasons for objecting are the same: These are [two] tall, mature and beautiful trees and they make a major contribution to the streetscape. They are highly visible along a long stretch of Haverstock Hill and consequently provide considerable visual amenity to the public. Air quality monitoring for the area has established that there is an air pollution problem in places on Haverstock Hill, with nitrous oxide levels at times exceeding legal NO2 safety legal limits. The removal of [two] tall, mature trees would worsen air quality, which would be to nobody's benefit. The trees should take priority over the front wall and the wall should be adjusted or reconstructed to accommodate the [two] trees.

The tree work report provided is dated Apr 2020 & was not mentioned re 2021/3975 /T.

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Comment Type is Objection