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2014/1938/P	Brian and Laura Gascoigne	25 Parliament Hill London NW3 2TA	08/01/2015 10:29:24	INT	<p>We live at no. 25 Parliament Hill, and our garden borders the application on the east side. We want to object to the lowering of the garden within 0.5 metres of the boundary. There are two inaccuracies in the Ecologia report which accompanies the application:</p> <p>Para 2.6 Walkover: "None of the larger mature trees in adjacent gardens are, however, within ten metres of either property"</p> <p>The mature ash tree in the garden of no. 25 is FOUR METRES from the boundary fence, and the mature bay tree is 0.8 of a METRE from it. Both trees have branches which overhang the garden of no 35 South Hill Park, and form part of a row of tall mature trees separating the two rows of houses. THERE IS A DANGER THAT, IF THE GARDEN IS LOWERED, IT WILL KILL THESE TREES.</p> <p>Para 3.1 Screening: "Are any works proposed within any tree root protection zones? Answer No."</p> <p>See Para 2.6. Assuming that the roots extend as far as the branches, THE ANSWER IS YES.</p> <p>In addition to the risk to the tree roots, we also don't believe the figure of 2mm for movement. We have cracks in our walls which move 5mm depending on the amount of rainfall. Digging a big hole in the clay is bound to affect the behaviour of the water in the surrounding ground, and poses a threat to the fabric of neighbouring buildings.</p> <p>The final question has to be: is this development really necessary?</p> <p>Brian and Laura Gascoigne 25 Parliament Hill NW3 2TA 020 7435 6703</p>

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