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2016/3250/T	Paula Meliffi	207 A Belsize road	13/10/2016 14:28:20	COMMNT	<p>I do agree with the applicant that the tree in question has considerably grown in the last 2 years, to the point that ONE of its branches is now 50cm away from my bedroom window. However, I would be in favour of a cyclic good trimming (every 2 years perhaps?) rather than a complete distruction of it. It's a 'common tree' yes, but still,it has an impressive height and London is full of them (and by the way, why is it called 'Tree of Heaven'?). I have consistently checked if or when the tree blocks out the light on the back patios but never ever observed such interference and that includes my bedroom too which still has plenty of light plus a lovely view of foliage.</p> <p>If a tree of this size is considered too near to a building than half of London's trees would be demolished.</p> <p>The report is extensive, yet repetitively inconclusive : the tree may or may not damage the building's foundation in the future (paragraph 3.1.2) therefore the recommendation is towards a good regular pruning which in all fairness is now an urgent factor as the foliage of one branch is, as said before, too near to my window.</p> <p>The report also says that the tree is of a limited amenity value. Well, what kind of assessment is that?? I'd rather have a non aristocratic tree to look at, with squirrels and magpies skipping on it, than being left out in the cold in contemplation of a noisy railway station. But- given that any pruning must be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon and be paid for, I wonder if the Protection Team would undertake such work - or give permission for someone to do it.</p>

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