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Attn. Nick Bell LBC Planning Dept. 2nd floor 5 Pancras Square N1C 4AG

16.03.17

Re: Removal of tree in conservation area

Dear Mr Bell – Further to our phone conversation this afternoon I am writing to seek clearance to remove a cherry tree to ground level in my rear garden at the address above.

I love trees and have plenty of them in situ (a large lime, several young ash, a holly, a budlia, 2 elders, an elaeagnus). Most of these are self seeded and encouraged and/or pruned back by me. The cherry I actually planted as a seedling, but it was a mistake. The tree is very vigorous, only a foot or so from the neighbouring wall with No.45 (this is a rebuilt wall with foundations which have forced the cherry's roots to grow at or near the surface across my lawn). It produces little blossom and every last fruit is eaten green by marauding squirrels and pigeons. Its leaves overshadow a considerable area of the beleaguered lawn.

I know for a fact that my neighbours at No.45 would be very happy to see the tree removed for the sake of their wall and more light.

I shall try to attach a plan of the garden showing the tree location.

Yours sincerely John Dollar