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2017/5955/T	ian baker and jane hinde	39 nassington road london nw3 2ty	06/11/2017 15:56:51	SUPPEMP ER	<p>We write in support of the application to remove the cherry tree and replace it with a more attractive and less intrusive tree. We hope it will help if we set our objections in their historical context.</p> <p>One of the authors of this document has lived in the garden maisonette of 39 Nassington Road for more than 32 years, the other for more than 15. In about 1992, the developer of 41 planted a cherry sapling, the tree now under consideration, very near the shared boundary wall despite objections voiced at the time about the consequences. Most immediately noticeable of those consequences now is the scale and intrusiveness of the tree. In 25 years it has grown to almost the same height as the 100+ year old pear tree in the garden of 39. Although it leans away from 39, its bulky branches extend far further over the garden of 39 than 39's pear tree's branches over 41.</p> <p>A second consequence is now historical but with the potential to be repeated. In 2004 the boundary wall between 39 and 41 collapsed. It had to be rebuilt at considerable cost. In his report dated 6th December 2004, Roger Gulhane, a Chartered Civil Engineer said "the damage to the wall is severe due to tree root activity". Later he said of the cherry tree that "The potential of this tree is to grow to over 20m high and although it has moderate water demand it could well in future damage nearby structures especially the main walls of both houses (39 and 41)". The photographs of damage at 41 submitted with this application seem to bear out this forecast. It is time the tree was removed to avoid further, more serious damage.</p> <p>We understand that amenity value is always a factor for consideration. This tree has very little if any. It is one of 3 large trees in the garden of 41. As already mentioned, there is a mature pear tree in the garden of 39. All those trees are at a sufficient distance from the houses to prevent them from having the looming and gloomy nature of the cherry tree. It casts a large and ever expanding shadow, its foliage also blocking the view from the flats above ours. The position and nature of the trees suggested as a replacement would make them far more attractive and appropriate to their position.</p>

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