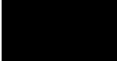


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2020/1700/T		07/05/2020 15:15:20	OBJ	<p>I would like to strongly object to the felling of the particularly magnificent mature willow tree at number 21. It is a superb and much admired landscape feature for the community in general, for those travelling on the railway and for the houses along Nassington Road who rely on these trees at the backs of the gardens to screen the railway and its electrical installations from view.</p> <p>Again, this tree is claimed by the insurance company to be linked to the cracking in the building of number 23. This seems surprising to me. Surely, if this tree in 21 were causing cracking in the building at number 23 why has it not caused cracking in the building of 21 itself which is closer to the tree? I spoke informally, to a friend of mine who is a retired professional council tree officer. Not living in London, he has not seen the tree or the garden but, in principle, his opinion was that it was "VERY UNLIKELY" that a willow 18 metres away from the building could be the cause of the cracking. Taken together with the fact that insurance companies in general are notorious for tree works which may not always be necessary, have all other possible causes been properly investigated by the insurance company? This tree to my knowledge has been in this garden for at least 40 years without causing cracking. Could this problem not be dealt with by reducing the tree rather than removing it?</p> <p>In conclusion, I don't consider that this magnificent tree of significant value to the community should be felled without incontrovertible evidence that it is the cause of damage to 23 and that this damage could not be mitigated other than by the total removal of this tree.</p> <p>====</p>

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