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2020/5770/T	Jo Hordern	15/12/2020 19:18:17	SUPPRT	<p>As a long time resident of 97 Torriano Avenue NW5 2RX, I support the current application to fell the Poplar tree in the garden of 103 Torriano Ave.</p> <p>Although this tree is under a TPO, I think the amenity value of the tree needs to be balanced against the damage done to nearby buildings. This species of tree (Poplar) is not suitable so close to buildings. It grows fast, has massive root spread and extracts a huge amount of water from the soil during the growing season. The local soil is clay which is highly susceptible to swelling in winter, then shrinking in summer as the water is extracted by vegetation. This of course results in damage to buildings.</p> <p>In our house, 97 Torriano Avenue, movement in the building continued for seventeen years until it was eventually resolved with a piled raft (underpinning) scheme at a cost of £120,000.</p> <p>I would hope that if the Poplar is removed, a smaller, more suitable species could be planted in its place.</p> <p>Jo Hordern</p>

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