

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above and object to the removal of the beautiful *Metrosideros* tree which is of significant size and has a healthy spreading crown, it is an important amenity enjoyed by local people and visitors every day viewed from both public and private places.

It is an unusual species arising from the botanical heritage of the islands and part of what makes the place so special.

There is evidence to support the health benefits of trees when seen by people in their everyday lives and they are an important part of the urban infrastructure that need to be respected and given space to make our communities more sustainable in a time of climate change.

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