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Representation: When considering this application to reduce the height and spread of this Metrosideros tree, please would you consider the following points.

- a) This evergreen tree, with a pleasing habit, gives a spectacular display of red brush-like blooms in June and softens the view of the rear elevation of Springfield Court, which appears sadly lacking in any visual amenity. The tree also seems to be attractive to birds in the summer.
- b) A few years ago, I asked the Council about applying for a TPO to safeguard this tree, but was then advised that was not considered to be a tree of rarity or special interest in Scilly so that a TPO would not be applicable.
- c) I am now advised by the Applicant that most trees of this species in Scilly, and even those in its native New Zealand, have recently been afflicted by a pest which typically kills the tree. The tree in question, on my land adjoining Springfield Court, is not, so far, he reports, showing signs of attack from this organism. We discussed the possibility that as this tree arose from a seed after the big freeze in 1987, which cut back most of these trees in Scilly, it might have more naturally-occurring resistance than other members of its species here have shown.
- d) The application refers to risk to the neighbouring garage. At present, the parts of the tree overhanging the garage are small branchlets, therefore not, in my opinion, likely to pose any current significant threat to the garage. Nevertheless, I have acknowledged the garage owner's legal right to remove any elements of the tree overhanging her property, (but I am not sure of the impact of Planning Law in a Conservation Area in this respect).
- e) Could you perhaps defer any permission to lop, prune or injure this tree or its appearance that could put it under any stress, until it can be established beyond reasonable doubt whether or not it is resistant to the organism which is affecting the other such trees in Scilly? If it does survive, I understand that it could be a valuable source of cuttings to reestablish such trees in Scilly.

Whatever your decision on this matter, my main interest is in the welfare of this tree and of the benefits it gives to the local environment.

Thank you and yours sincerely, Janet Vosper.