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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) at Elsinore, The Garrison, St. Mary's**

Dr. Chris Mills has asked me to examine the above tree, approximately 14 metres in height, 12 metres in spread and sited 8 metres from the north-easterly side of the above house. The tree is thought to be around 40 years old.

In order to attempt to mitigate any risk of either the tree uprooting or losing branches and causing damage to the house, we carried out significant dead-wooding of the tree several years ago and removed numerous branches over-hanging the house.

Whilst the tree does appear to be sound and healthy, during last winter's gales, some lifting and movement of the root plate was noted which is understandably causing serious concerns to Dr. Mills. Although these trees are generally tolerant of the salt and the winds here on the Islands, they do tend to have a shallow root system, especially when planted on stony and shallow ground, such as that around this tree. During heavy winds, there remains a potential danger that the tree may uproot and fall into the house, causing significant damage.

These trees do not respond to pruning, and will not rejuvenate from lopping, leaving very limited scope for works to this tree to make it safe. It is my opinion that the only way to entirely mitigate the danger of damage to the house is to fell and remove the tree in its entirety.

Please do contact me if you require further information.

Yours,

Matthew Rogers.

*[signed on original]*