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Mrs A Hick
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31 March 2017

Dear Mrs Hick,

Re: P/17/026/TWA Application to crown lift Sycamore and Elm trees on Western boundary and crown lift Sycamore and pollard 10 no. elms within the site at Watermill Lodge, Watermill St Mary's

Thank you for your notification of tree works in a Conservation Area dated 15th March 2017.

Following a site visit of the Council's Planning Officer I am writing to confirm that there is **no objection** to the above tree works. Whilst the trees hold good amenity value it is considered that the proposed works are appropriate. The Council do not intend to protect the trees further through a Tree Preservation Order.

If the works are not executed within two years of the date of this letter you are required to notify the Council's Planning Department again of your intention to undertake work to the trees. The work could be carried out in accordance with good practice as set out in "British Standards Recommendation for Tree Work" BS3998.

Advisory Information

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust note that the management of elm trees should be carried out during October, November and December unless the limbs pose a health and safety risk. Pruning in the spring and summer weakens the elms and poses a risk to bacterial, fungal or insectivorous vectors and late summer cuts increase the risk of vigorous epicormic re-growth, which damages the tree.

It is not best practice to carry out tree work during the bird breeding season, unless the work is being carried out for health and safety reasons, in which case a bird breeding bird survey should be carried out.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Walton".

Lisa Walton

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