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OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/17/033/TWA	Expiry date: 16 May 2017
Received on: 30 March 2017	Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED
UPRN: 000192002700	Consultation expiry date:
Legal agreement:	Site notice posted:
Departure:	Site notice expiry:
Complies with Development Plan? Y/N If not, ensure you cover in the report how material considerations outweigh the plan?	
Is this decision contrary to local council recommendation?	

Applicant:	Mr Alistiar Martin Duchy of Cornwall
Site Address:	Land At Junction Of Parting Carn Lane/Telegraph Road Parting Carn Lane Parting Carn St Mary's Isles Of Scilly
Proposal:	Remove upper portion of elm tree which has split down its trunk.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

Description of site and development:

This is a notification for an intention to carry out tree works to an Elm Tree located on the east side of the junction of Parting Carn Road and Telegraph Road. The works are described as removal of all of the tree above a split. The reasons given are for health and safety due to the elm tree being split down its trunk and presents a hazard to the public and highway users.

Public representations:

None

Consultee representations:

None

Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:

The removal of a dead, dying or dangerous tree does not require the land owner to go through the formal six week notification process but it is advisable to notify the local planning authority of the intention to remove such a tree. Whilst it is unclear as to the imminence of any danger posed by the tree it is accepted that a split trunk mature elm tree growing close to the junction of the highway could result in a hazard. It is also unclear as to whether the tree has died and as such it is important to assess the amenity value and the impact the works could have on the overall amenity value of the tree.


The area in which the trees are located is characterised by the cluster farm buildings and the surrounding undulating farmland of open fields and distinctive hedge field boundaries. Many of the trees at Parting Carn Farm are large mature elm trees that form distinctive linear boundaries and perhaps have grown out of smaller field enclosures. The historic landscape character for this part of St Mary's is identified as farmland of 'modern enclosures' post 1908 but which lie on the edge of more anciently enclosed farmland 'prehistoric to post-medieval period.

The works proposed will result in, for all intents and purposes, the removal of the tree, certainly its canopy. However it is recognised that where a tree has major split it is likely to be susceptible to infections and well as limb failure. Whilst it is considered that Elm Trees, as a native deciduous tree species, under threat of disease elsewhere on mainland Britain, are an important tree to retain, the reasons given for the works are considered acceptable. Removal of the tree above the split will remove the hazards associated it and may allow the remaining trunk to re-grow, as recognised by works undertaken on trees in the immediate vicinity. Whilst the works will result in some loss of amenity for this area the removal of a split trunk tree is considered acceptable. Additionally the tree is growing behind a shorter but bushier holly tree and other hedgerow plants which grow around this corner of the field.

Overall therefore it is not considered appropriate to impose a Tree Preservation Order on this tree in this case.

Recommendation:

No objections

Signed: 	Dated: 02/05/17	Signed: 	Dated: 02/05/2017
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	