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OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/18/006/TWA	Expiry date: 16 March 2018
Received on: 26 January 2018	Neighbour expiry date: 23 February 2018
UPRN: 000192000619	Consultation expiry date:
Legal agreement:	Site notice posted: 2 February 2018
Departure:	Site notice expiry: 23 February 2018
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:	Ms Nicola Stinson
Site Address:	1 Sally Port Hugh Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly TR21 0JE
Proposal:	Application to prune and pollard trees adjacent to the highway at Sally Port.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

Description of site and development:

This is a notification of an intention to pollard 3 Elm Trees that grow along the west boundary of properties along Sally Port (nos 1-11) which are Council Houses. The trees are reasonably mature but have clear signs of regular pollarding.

The road that runs through Sally Port is a narrow single lane with some limited off-street parking and the trees grow within this hedge along the back edge of the highway.

Public representations:

None

Constraints and designations:

Conservation Area, AONB and Heritage Coast

Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:

The key issues relate to the amenity value held by the trees, proposed to be pollarded, and whether the works will result in harm to the amenity of the area, as a result of the works.

Elm Trees are native deciduous tree species that are now rare on Mainland UK due to the spread of Dutch Elm disease. The presence of unaffected Elm Trees on Scilly therefore makes the protection of such trees even more important.

The trees in question however grow within a restricted and domestic environment where they could, if permitted to grow to their full potential size, pose damage to buildings, roads and other highway users. It is considered appropriate to manage their growth in this residential environment to ensure they do not cause such damage. The trees are clearly managed on a regular basis which has allowed them to be retained in this environment and provide both environmental and social benefits as a result (wildlife and ecosystem benefits as well as providing shade and shelter to properties).

The works proposed are therefore considered appropriate and would not result in any significant loss to the amenity of this area. It is not recommended that a TPO is made for these trees at this time.

Recommendation:

Raise no objections to the proposed works.

Signed: 	Dated: 16/03/2018	Signed: 	Dated: 19.03.18
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	