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OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/18/010/TWA	Expiry date: 27 March 2018
Received on: 8 February 2018	Neighbour expiry date: 6 March 2018
UPRN: 000192000062	Consultation expiry date:
Legal agreement:	Site notice posted: 14 February 2018
Departure:	Site notice expiry: 7 March 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:	Mr David Poynter
Site Address:	Crows Nest The Bank Hugh Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly TR21 0HY
Proposal:	Works to Canary Island palm tree, including removal of overhanging branches, removal of olearia growth from the crown, and removal of aeonium growth on trunk. Also trimming back adjacent cabbage palms.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

Description of site and development:

This is a notification to carry out tree works to a prominent tree within the heart of Hugh Town. The tree is a prominent palm tree which is identified by the applicant as a Canary Island Palm Tree. Work including removal of overhanging branches, olearia growth from the crown and removal of aeonium growth from the trunk.

The tree is located within the front garden of the property 'Crows Nest' which is west side of Hugh Street in Hugh Town opposite the Atlantic Inn and Restaurant. The works also include trimming back of trees which are identified as 'cabbage palms'.

Public representations:

None

Consultee representations:

NONE

Constraints and designations:

Conservation Area, AONB, Heritage Coast

Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:

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


The Canary Island Palm Tree is not a native UK tree species but due to the mild oceanic climate of Scilly it appears to grow well. Although not common, there are a few examples around the islands of mature 'palm' trees which often add a good amount of amenity value to the appearance of the area. This one in particular holds exceptional amenity value in the street scene, which is a significantly important part of the conservation area of the islands, as it is the heart of the built up area of Hugh Town.

The works proposed seek to remove the dead fronds and other plants which grow on or around it. This is considered to be appropriate works to retain the tree and its amenity value. The works proposed to this tree are considered appropriate. It is not recommended that it is necessary to impose a Tree Preservation Order to control the works.

The other works include the pruning back of trees described as 'cabbage palms'. These are the common cordyline australis trees which are also non-native. These trees hold less amenity value and pruning back is not considered to result in a particular loss of amenity value. It is not recommended that a TPO is made to protect these trees on this occasion.

Recommendation:

Raise No objections

Signed: 	Dated: 20/03/2018	Signed:	Dated:
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	