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OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/18/030/TWA	Expiry date: 30 May 2018
Received on: 18 April 2018	Neighbour expiry date: 9 May 2018
UPRN: 000192001310	Consultation expiry date:
Legal agreement:	Site notice posted: 18 April 2018
Departure:	Site notice expiry: 9 May 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 Donald Williams
Site Address:	The Bylet Church Road Hugh Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly TR21 0NA
Proposal:	Removal of Dracaena Palm tree to prevent damage to drains and phone line.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

Description of site and development:

This is a notification of intended works to remove a dracaena palm tree that is located within the Isles of Scilly Conservation Area. The tree is located in the private rear garden of a property known as the Bylet on Church Road, Hugh Town.

The reason given for removal is that the mature tree is giving rise to damage to the wall and drains. It is the applicant's intention to replacing with something more suitable in a position away from telephone cables, which the leaves interfere with.

The Bylet is a single storey property with rooms in the roofspace located to the rear of April cottage, which is a frontage property located along the south west side of Church Road.

The tree appears to be a cordyline australis tree which is significantly taller than the property and growing in very close proximity and close to the boundary between the property.

Public representations:

A site notice has been on display in the vicinity of the site for a period of 21 days. No representations have been received.

Constraints and designations:

Conservation Area, AONB, Heritage Coast



Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:

The key issue is whether the tree holds amenity value in terms of the wider conservation area and whether removing the tree, as proposed, will give rise to harm to the wider character of the conservation area. The tree is a mature cordyline that is visible above the roof of the property and from views between properties as you travel along Church Road. It is very much seen within a residential garden context and therefore holds limited amenity value for the wider conservation area.

Additionally the applicant has stated that it grows in close proximity to overhead telephone cable and close to drains and boundary wall structures. From officer observations then it is noted that this appears to be a mature specimen in otherwise healthy condition, although it does grow close to residential structures and important infrastructure. Due to its limited amenity value and growing position it is not considered necessary to impose a Tree Preservation Order on this particular tree at this time and as such it is recommended that no objections are made to the removal of this tree.

Recommendation:

Raise no objections to the proposed tree removal

Signed: 	Dated: 21/05/2018	Signed: 	Dated: 21/05/2018
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	