

Council of the Isles of Scilly Delegated Planning Report

Application Number: P/20/006/TWA

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Application Expiry date: 17 March 2020

Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED

Consultation expiry date:

Site notice posted: 4 February 2020

Site notice expiry: 25 February 2020

Applicant: Mr Len Michell

Site Address: Rosehill
Porthloo Lane
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0NE

Proposal: Re-pollard 18 Elms along eastern boundary of property and porthloo lane to allow more light into proper ty and reduce risk from limbs over hanging public highway.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation

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1. That NO TPO is made on the 18 Elm Trees
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Site Description and Proposed Development

This is an application to re-pollard 18 Elm Trees that are located along the eastern boundary of the property known as Rosehill, Porthloo Lane.

This area has a high number of mature Elm Trees that line the road. The site is opposite Rosehill Local Nature Reserve Area.

Consultations and Representations

Public Representations: NONE

Consultation Representations: NONE

Constraints:

Historic Landscape Character: Landscape Type: Farmland: bulb strips, late C19/C20. Landscape Type: Farmland: anciently enclosed land (prehistoric to early post-medieval).

Tree Assessment

The trees hold a high amount of amenity value within the Porthloo Lane/Rocky Hill area and are visible from Telegraph Road to the east and an approach from Hugh Town to the west. The applicant proposes to re-pollard 18 Elm Trees to allow more light into the property and reduce the risk from boughs over-hanging the highway. It is stated that the same trees were last pollarded around 10 years ago.

Having visited the site, the trees appear to be healthy and have grown back well since they were last pollarded, they hold and have retained high amenity value. It is considered that as the plan is to retain the trees and the works are part of the long-term tree management due to the position in close proximity to property and the highway, is not considered that it is necessary at this time to designate a Tree Preservation Order. It is recognised that the trees are native to the UK, they are otherwise healthy and not obviously causing any harm to buildings or structures but given the nature of the works, which will re-grow, it is on balance considered that the pollarding works proposed would be acceptable.

Had the trees been proposed to be felled then it is recommended that a tree scoring mechanism, such as TEMPO or Helliwell, should be used to assess in more detail the value of the trees versus the need for the works.

Print Name: Lisa Walton

Job Title: Senior Officer Planning and Development Management

Signed: 16/03/2020

Duly Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning and Related Applications
