

Council of the Isles of Scilly Delegated Planning Report

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Applicant: Mr Charles Crawford Duchy of Cornwall
Site Address: Land At Junction Of Rocky Hill Lane/Porthloo Lane
Porthloo Lane
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly

Proposal: Crown lift and removal of dead wood to a large number of Elms, where overhanging the road they will require some rebalancing and crown lift and removal of deadwood from trees overhanging buildings.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications
Recommendation

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

This is an application to re-pollard a group of Elm Trees that are located along the north west and south east sides of the road at the south west end of Rocky Hill Lane, close to the junction with Porthloo Lane. The south east side also wraps around the south west boundary of the property at Rocky Hill House.

This area has a high number of mature Elm Trees that line the roads. The trees form the north west boundary in close proximity to the 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 Porthloo to the north west. The applicant proposes to crown lift and remove the deadwood from the Elm Trees, shown within the areas marked red on the submitted plan. This is a rather imprecise identification of the number of specific trees but following a site visit, it is noted that the areas form the boundaries to fields, whilst also framing the lanes. It is therefore unlikely that crown lifting and deadwood removal would extend to cover a greater area than shown in these field boundary locations.

Having visited the site, the trees generally appear to be healthy and hold 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 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 crown lifting works and removal of deadwood as 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.

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Signed:



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