

Council of the Isles of Scilly Delegated Planning Report Tree Works Notification

Application Number: P/20/103/TWA

Received on: 10 December 2020

UPRN: 000192001693

Application Expiry date: 26 April 2021

Neighbour expiry date: NONE **07/04/2021**

Consultation expiry date: 07/04/2021

Site notice posted: 17 March 2021

Site notice expiry: 7 April 2021

Applicant: Claudia Schwarz

Site Address: High Pines
McFarland's Down
St Mary's
Isles of Scilly
TR21 0NS

Proposal: Removal of one Sycamore tree before it causes damage to the soak away system and neighbour's garage roof.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: No objections

Site Description and Proposed Development

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (17/03/2021 – 07/04/2021). The application appeared on the weekly list on 22nd March 2021.

Due to the nature of the proposal no external consultations are required.

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- Minalto, McFarlands Down
- Fairlawn, McFarlands Down

[0] letters of objection have been received and include the following points:

[0] letters of support have been received and include the following points:

Constraints:

Archaeological Constraint Areas: Pendrathen / Long Rock Down.

Historic Landscape Character: Multiple (Spatial)

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	y
Tree Pruning	n
Works required to reduce hazards	y
Works required for general tree maintenance	y
Multiple Trees	n
Single Tree	y
Native Trees	N
High Amenity Value	n

Analysis: The trees are protected by the Conservation Area designation which covers the entire Isles of Scilly. Prior to any person undertaking tree pruning or felling works they are required to serve Notice 211 on the Council, allowing 6 weeks notification of any tree works to be carried out. This allows sufficient time for the Local Planning Authority to assess the appropriateness of the works proposed and determine whether a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is required, that would essentially permit the use of restrictive conditions on any works proposed. It also ensures that adequate (and qualified) justification is submitted to support the works, particularly in cases of tree removal, where the works are deemed to have harmful impact upon the amenity value

they hold and any importance to the character of the conservation area.

The tree to be removed is a Sycamore Tree (*acer pseudoplatanus*) which is native to Europe but it is understood to have been introduced to the UK as early as the Roman period and is such a 'naturalised' tree that grows well in the UK. The tree grows close to the boundary with the property to the north, Minalto, and leans to the south, over the applicant's garden. Evidence or earlier tree works with bough removal. The tree is a reasonably mature example (for a domestic garden) and has high biodiversity value due to its attractiveness to aphids.

From an amenity value perspective, this is low on the basis that it is not prominent in the public realm and does not add to the wider historic environment of the Conservation Area. The tree, due to the proximity to the boundary and lean, as well as its low amenity value, would suggest this is not a candidate for TPO designation.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	n

Print Name: Lisa Walton 22/04/2021

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed:



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
