

Council of the Isles of Scilly

Delegated Planning Report

Tree Works Notification

Application Number: P/21/040/TWA

Received on: 18 May 2021

UPRN: 000192001054

Application Expiry date: 1 July 2021

Neighbour expiry date: 14 June 2021

Consultation expiry date: 14 June 2021

Site notice posted: 24 May 2021

Site notice expiry: 14 June 2021

Applicant: Mrs Diana Peat

Site Address: Pelorus
Church Road
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles of Scilly
TR21 0NA

Proposal: Removal of a Scots Pine and the crown reduction of a
Metrosideros.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: No objections

Site Description and Proposed Development

Pelorus is a detached dormer bungalow at the top of Church Road with a good sized front garden and a large private rear garden than runs to the north of the property, down hill towards the foot of Pilots Retreat. The two trees are located in the lower private rear garden. T1 at the end of the garden is a Scots Pine Tree, which is proposed to be removed and T2 which is a New Zealand Christmas Tree, which is proposed to have its crown removed.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (24/05/2021 – 14/06/2021). The application appeared on the weekly list on 24th May 2021. Neighbouring properties at Starlings, Penold and Broomfields on Church Road and Northwethel on Pilots Retreat have been written to directly.

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

Representations from Residents:

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

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

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	y
Tree Pruning	y
Works required to reduce hazards	y
Works required for general tree maintenance	y
Multiple Trees	y
Single Tree	n
Native Trees	y
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 removal of the Scots Pine (*pinus sylvestris*) is on the basis of roots lifting and concerns of the tree blowing down and causing damage to property. The scots pine is the only truly native pine in the UK and as such it has a good biodiversity value. On this occasion and whilst the tree has some amenity value generally, the risk of the raised roots and damage to property in the event of the tree blowing over, would suggest that the tree would not score well for the purposes of a Tree Preservation Order.

The crown removal of the New Zealand Christmas Tree (*metrosideros excelsa*) is on the basis of its size which is suggested has outgrown this domestic garden. Whilst a crown removal is an unusual approach, it is likely that the applicant wishes to crown reduce the tree. The tree whilst it is visible from the wider landscape and holds some amenity value, it is not a native tree to the UK and as such, it is not considered appropriate to resist the work and place a Tree Preservation Order on it

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	n

Print Name: Lisa Walton

30/06/2021

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed:



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
