

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

Application Number: P/22/042/TWA

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Application Expiry date: 11 August 2022

Neighbour expiry date: 22 July 2022

Consultation expiry date: N/A

Site notice posted: 1 July 2022

Site notice expiry: 25 July 2022

Applicant: Miss Rachel Guy Council of the Isles of Scilly

Site Address: 34 Ennor Close
Old Town
St Marys
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0NL

Proposal: Pollard 5 trees within the boundary of 34 Ennor Close. 4x elm trees and 1x sweet chestnut.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: No objection

Site Description and Proposed Development

This is an application to pollard 5 trees within the Ennor Close area. There are 4 Elm Trees and 1 Sweet Chestnut Tree in the boundary of number 34 Ennor Close. The trees are visible in the street scene, with some wider views of the trees from Old Town Lane to the north west, west and south west of the site. The trees amenity value is largely in the vicinity of Ennor Close.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (01/07/2022 – 25/07/2022). The application appeared on the weekly list on 4th July 2022.

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

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- 33 Ennor Close, Old Town
- 35 Ennor Close, Old Town
- 36 Ennor Close, Old Town

[0] letters of objection have been received.

[0] letters of support have been received.

Constraints:

Historic Landscape Character Landscape Type: Settlement

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	n
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	y

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.

It is noted that previously the LPA has resisted 'harsh' pruning of trees in this area which was for crown reduction of two of the trees, in the boundary of number 34, in 2016. The trees are very much within the domestic small-scale housing estate of Ennor Close, and loom largely in this domestic setting. It is also noted that Elm Tree pollarding has been permitted on two TPO trees nearby at the Craft Barn, on Old Town Lane. The supporting statement refers to pollarding but more detail is provided in the supporting statement of crown reducing and crown lifting particular trees. On this basis this assessment considers the fact that some of the trees could be pollarded more severely in the interests of clearance for the highway and to ensure boundaries of domestic properties are managed adequately.

Although the sweet chestnut is an 'introduced' tree species, it is considered to be native on the basis that it has grown in the UK for a period of 2000 years. The Elm trees are native, and the mature trees have a high degree of amenity value within the Old Town area, particularly around Ennor Close. It is acknowledged however that the trees are large for the domestic setting in which they grow. Additionally, the character of the wider Conservation Area, which seeks to protect the historic built environment, is enhanced by the presence of mature trees, particularly the mature elm trees, which are native to the UK. The area of Ennor Close, however, is not considered to be an important part of the wider historic built environment and pollarding of these trees would ensure they are retained but would be of a scale more appropriate to the garden boundary locations in which they grow. On this basis the pollarding works are considered acceptable without the need to designate a TPO.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	n

Print Name: Lisa Walton

11/08/2022

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed:



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
