

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

Application Number: P/23/051/TWA

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Application Expiry date: 23 August 2023

Neighbour expiry date: 2 August 2023

Consultation expiry date: 02 August 2023

Site notice posted: 12 July 2023

Site notice expiry: 2 August 2023

Applicant: Mr Owain Holland, Live West

Site Address: Branksea House
Church Road
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly

Proposal: To re-pollard 4 no. elm trees and remove epicormic growth.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Branksea House is a group of 6 flats, 2 stories in height built in the mid 2000's sitting on the west side of Church Road to the east of Branksea Close. The buildings sit between a 3 storey dwelling, Men A Vaur to the north and 2 storey dwelling Tater Du to the south rising up the hill. The road is wide at this point and trees line the Chaplaincy garden on the opposite side of the road.

The application is to re-pollard 4x elm trees and remove epicormic growth. The trees in question sit on the corner of the property between the main road and the lane leading down the side to Branksea Close. The trees are relatively large in comparison to the surroundings and starting to overhang and dominate the road and path. The works are proposed to reduce interaction with buildings and cables and reduce shading.



Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (12/08/2023 – 02/08/2023). The application appeared on the weekly list on 17th July 2023.

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

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- 1-4 Branksea House, Church Road
- Men a Vaur, Church Road

[0] letters of objection have been received

[0] letters of support have been received

Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Conservation Area
- Heritage Coast
- Listed Buildings – Grade II
 - The Chaplaincy & Gate to West of – 30m
 - Church of St Mary's, Lead Cisterns & Walls/Gateway

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	?

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 trees are native to the islands and do hold some amenity value within the street scene when travelling from both directions on Church Road with further trees lining the road on the opposite side. The elm trees run down the side of the building towards Branksea Close and are starting to overhang and dominate the footpath and the main road. As stated, the trees are also interacting with cables and buildings.

It is felt that pollarding the trees down would be beneficial for management of the tree and overall appearance of the area.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	N

Print Name: Lisa Walton
Job Title: Chief Planning Officer
Signed:

24/08/2023



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications