

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

Application Number: P/23/074/TWA

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UPRN: 000192001132

Application Expiry date: 31 October 2023

Neighbour expiry date: 10 October 2023

Consultation expiry date: N/A

Site notice posted: 20 September 2023

Site notice expiry: 11 October 2023

Applicant: Mrs Rose Codd

Site Address: Shell Bay
Rams Valley
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0JX

Proposal: To reduce 1x Elm tree and 1x Cordyline tree to prevent damage to telephone wires.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Shell Bay is a 1.5 storey dormer bungalow located half way up Rams Valley, a built up but secluded street lying between Church Street and Buzza Hill. The property fronts the south side of the road just before a turn in the road up to a private section of the street. The property forms a group of detached dwellings on the south side of the road and there is a terrace of two storey dwellings opposite giving way to a block wall. The trees subject to this application are located in front of the property adjacent to the road.

This application is to pollard an elm tree back to previous pollard points and also reduce a cordyline tree as they are both interacting with overhead telephone wires.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (20/09/2023 – 11/10/2023). The application appeared on the weekly list on 25th September

2023.

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

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- Latharna, Blue Marlin & Little Wingletang – Rams Valley

[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 Building – Grade II – Bell Rock/White Cottage - 55m
- St Mary's Flood Prone Land – 40m

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	N
Multiple Trees	Y
Single Tree	N
Native Trees	Y & 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.

There are very few trees lining the road in this area given that garden/curtilage space tends to be to the rear of the property. The native Elm tree is not of a particularly high amenity value having been pollarded in the past with just leafy growth sprouting from the trunk. The non-native Cordyline is of some amenity value but it's height being above the dormer roof of the dwelling

means that it is interacting with the telephone lines as is the Elm tree.

It is considered that the proposed management works are necessary to prevent interaction with the telephone lines and would not be detrimental to the character and appearance of the conservation area as the trees are being retained.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	N

Print Name: Lisa Walton 31/10/2023

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed: 

Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
