

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

Application Number: P/23/090/TWA

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Application Expiry date: 12 January 2024

Neighbour expiry date: 22 December 2023

Consultation expiry date: N/A

Site notice posted: 5 December 2023

Site notice expiry: 26 December 2023

Applicant: Mr Alistair Martin Duchy of Cornwall

Site Address: Land At Holy Vale
Holy Vale
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly

Proposal: Pollard of 14 mature Elms to a height of 15ft to ensure healthy tree growth.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

This application relates to 14 elm trees on a field boundary at the south side of Holy Vale. The residential area of Holy Vale has tree lined boundaries and it slopes down towards the south giving way to a wooded area with agricultural fields and eventually the Higher Moors nature trail.

The trees in question are located off the footpath that leads to the nature trail approximately 30 m to the south of the last dwelling in the settlement. They are only really visible from the immediate fields and footpath.

The trees were subject to consent for works under application reference P/17/003 being 'Row D' of 14 elms. This stated:

"This is a number of mature hedgerow specimens growing along a stone wall running east/ west and bordering two fields to the north and south. The trees have been surveyed from east to west sequentially, tree 1 being nearest to the eastern field boundary adjacent to the footpath. A number of these trees along this row appear to be windblown and over-mature given their position and have

significant weight to one side. Some buildings and infrastructure are below these trees to the north.”

In 2017 no objection was raised to the trees in question being pollarded to a height of 3m. This appears not to have been carried out. This current proposal is to pollard the trees to a height of 15 feet to ensure healthy tree growth. Essentially the same height as previously.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (05/12/2023 – 26/12/2023). The application appeared on the weekly list on 4th December 2023.

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

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- South Tinks & Middle Tinks, Holy Vale

[0] letters of objection have been received

[0] letters of support have been received

Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Conservation Area
- Heritage Coast
- Archaeological Constraint Area – Higher Moor – 60m
- SSSI – Higher Moors & Porth Hellick Pool – 60m

Tree Assessment

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

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.

Although the works relate to a number of mature elm trees in the conservation area, which are important native trees that support important habitat for other flora and fauna, the works would appear to be part of tree management and would retain longer-term healthy tree growth.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	NO

Print Name: Lisa Walton 12/01/2024
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Signed: 

Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
