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

Application Number: P/23/092/TWA Received on: 22 November 2023 UPRN: 000192001018 Application Expiry date: 12 January 2024 Neighbour expiry date: 22 December 2023 Consultation expiry date: N/A Site notice posted: 4 December 2023 Site notice expiry: 25 December 2023

Applicant: Site Address:	Mr Peter Jackson Anchor Hanover Group Hanover Court Old Town Lane Old Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly TR21 0NG
Proposal: Application Type:	To carry out crown reduction on 8 x Elms (1 to 8 on plan) to the North of the Number 1 adjacent to access road approx to previous cut points and a crown reduction on the two Chestnut trees (9 and 11 on plan) approximately to the previous trimming points. Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Hanover Court is consists of two rows of terraced bungalows at 90 degrees to one another bounding the junction of Old Town Lane and High Cross Lane. There is a private parking and garden area contained in behind the dwellings accessed from Old Town Lane adjacent to Bourdeaux Pottery and barns bounding the site to the north and the residential dwelling Sunwood adjacent to the east set slightly uphill.

The proposals in this application are to reduce the crown of two chestnut trees in the garden back to previous trimming points and to crown reduce the row of 8 elms on the boundary with the pottery next door back to previous cut points to keep the access road clear.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (04/12/2023 – 25/12/2023). The application appeared on the weekly list on 4th December 2023.

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

- Bourdeaux Pottery, Old Town Lane
- Sunwood, High Cross Lane
- 1-7 Hanover Court, Old Town Lane

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

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

Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Conservation Area
- Heritage Coast

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	Ν
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.

The trees on this estate site have been subject to tree works applications and regular managed works in the past. In particular the two chestnut trees have been previously reduced back to the same trimming points.

Part of the site can be viewed from the main road at the access road where the elm trees run back through the site and the main garden can be partially viewed from up High Cross Lane. The trees do offer some amenity value to the immediate site and neighbours but less so to the wider area.

The works proposed are part of a continued management plan for the trees and as they do not propose to fell or significantly alter the trees then they are not considered to cause harm to the character an appearance of the conservation area.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	Ν

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