

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

Application Number: P/24/004/TWA

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Application Expiry date: 12 March 2024

Neighbour expiry date: 23 February 2024

Consultation expiry date: 27 February 2024

Site notice posted: 6 February 2024

Site notice expiry: 27 February 2024

Applicant: Mr Phil Spence

Site Address: South Hill
Southard
Bryher
Isles Of Scilly
TR23 0PR

Proposal: To fell and remove 1 x Cupressus Macrocarpa to reduce potential damage to services.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: No TPO

Site Description and Proposed Development

South Hill is a dwelling in the Southard/Green Bay area of the island of Bryher. It forms part of a group of properties with Veronica Farm sat at the bottom of a hill on the track leading to Green Bay. To the south, the track is lined with trees and the single tree subject to this application lies opposite the end of the track leading through Veronica Farm towards Church Quay.

The proposed works are for the removal of one mature Cupressus Macrocarpa which is leaning heavily towards the main track through the area and is interacting with overhead communication cables and underground water pipes.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (06/02/2024 – 27/02/2024). The application appeared on the weekly list on 5th February 2024.

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

Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- Veronica Farm & Hebe, Southard, Bryher

[0] letters of objection have been received

[0] letters of support have been received

Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Conservation Area
- Heritage Coast
- Scheduled Monument
 - Prehistoric Field System – 90m
 - Civil War Battery on the Green – 80m
- Listed Building - Grade II
 - Brewhouse – 12m
 - Veronica Farmhouse – 12m
- Archaeological Constraint Area –
 - Veronica Farm – 28m
 - Green Bay Battery – 65m
- Bryher Flood Prone Land – 0m

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	Y
Tree Pruning	N
Works required to reduce hazards	Y
Works required for general tree maintenance	N
Multiple Trees	N
Single Tree	Y
Native Trees	N
High Amenity Value	N (see photo on file)


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 proposed works are to remove one Cupressus Macrocarpa tree as it is leaning very heavily over a boundary wall across the main track leading to the south of the island. The tree is growing up through phone cables and there are also water pipes running through the ground near the tree. The proposed works are to remove the danger of the tree falling completely and also damaging services.

The area in general contains a lot of vegetation including trees, hedge rows and plants. This tree sits in a low lying area and is only really visible once in the direct vicinity. It is considered to hold some amenity value however it is evident from the photo provided and some [older photos from 2016](#) that the tree is leaning over severely now and would present a danger to the public and the services nearby and can justifiably be removed.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	NO

Print Name: Lisa Walton 15/03/2024
Job Title: Chief Planning Officer
Signed: 
Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications