

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

Application Number: P/25/109/TWA

Received on: 16 December 2025

UPRN: 000192001653

Application Expiry date: 27 January 2026

Site notice posted: 16 December 2025

Site notice expiry: 9 January 2026

Applicant: William Bax (Duchy of Cornwall)

Site Address:
The Bungalow
Rocky Hill
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0NE

Proposal: Application to pollard one mature Flame Tree to 15ft in height to prevent potential storm damage.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PERMIT

Site Description and Proposed Development

The Bungalow is located at Rocky Hill on the island of St Mary's and the tree in question, shown below, is located near the western boundary of the property's garden. The proposal is to pollard the Flame Tree (Metrosideros Excelsa) to 15ft in height in order to prevent storm damage over the winter months.



Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (16/12/2025 – 09/01/2026). The application appeared on the weekly list on Monday 22nd December 2025. Due to the nature of the proposal no external consultations are required.

Representations from Residents:

[0] letters of support or objection have been received.

Constraints:

- Conservation Area
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) / National Landscape
- 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	N
Multiple Trees	N
Single Tree	Y
Native Trees	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.

Metrosideros is a freely-branching, wide-spreading evergreen tree that is native to New Zealand. As they are frost tender, Metrosideros are suited to the islands climate and can be seen growing in a number of locations on St Mary's. A site visit to Rocky Hill Lane to view the tree in question took place on Tuesday 16th December 2025. An amenity evaluation (considering factors such as size, life expectancy, form, visibility, suitability and influence) was undertaken and concluded that the tree holds good amenity value. As the tree in question is being retained, and the works should preserve it, the proposal is deemed acceptable, and it is not considered necessary to impose a Tree Preservation Order.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	No

Print Name: Lisa Walton 23/01/2026

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed:



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications