



# COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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## OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/17/029/TWA	Expiry date: 16 May 2017
Received on: 30 March 2017	Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED
UPRN: 000192002697	Consultation expiry date:
Legal agreement:	Site notice posted:
Departure:	Site notice expiry:
Complies with Development Plan? Y/N If not, ensure you cover in the report how material considerations outweigh the plan?	
Is this decision contrary to local council recommendation?	

Applicant:	Mr Alistair Martin Duchy of Cornwall
Site Address:	Land At Junction Of Rocky Hill Lane/Porthloo Lane Porthloo Lane St Mary's Isles Of Scilly
Proposal:	Works to 2 elm trees: 1) Removal of branch interfering with BT cable 2) Remove small dead tree leaning into road.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

### Description of site and development:

This is a notification of intention to carry out pruning works to 2 Elm Trees at the junction of the south end of Rocky Hill Lane. The works are stated as 1) remove a branch/bough that is interfering with an overhead BT cable and 2) removal a small dead tree leaning into the road.

Both trees are located within the Isles of Scilly Conservation Area and as such a notification is required, although it is noted that one of the trees is stated as 'dead'. For trees that are dead, dying or dangerous then no consent is required for their removal although it is always advisable to let the local authority know of an intention to remove such a tree.

### Public representations:

None

### Consultee representations:

None

**Constraints and designations:**

Conservation Area, Heritage Coast, AONB

**Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:**



The two trees in question are located in an area that is characterised by mature trees particularly mixed deciduous trees of a variety of species. The canopies of many trees overhang the road particularly at Rosehill Studio. The tree proposed to be pruned/removed are not (as stated on the application form) protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)) but are trees in a conservation area. Due to the nature of this area it is considered that mature trees add greatly to the amenity of this part of St Mary's, on the end of the Lower Moors Nature Trail where there are a number of permissive footpaths to take pedestrians off the roads, which generally don't have pavements. The trees are publically visible in the vicinity and due to their heights have a wider impact upon the landscape.

Whilst it is considered that Elm Trees, as a native deciduous tree species, under threat of disease elsewhere on mainland Britain, are an important tree to retain the reasons given for the works are considered acceptable. Removal of a bough from a telephone cable, providing the works are carried out appropriately and to British Standards for Tree Works, that result in an improved appearance, would not result in any loss of amenity for this area. The removal of a dead tree, leaning in to the road is considered similarly acceptable.

Overall therefore it is not considered appropriate to impose a Tree Preservation Order on the two Elm Trees in this case.

**Recommendation:**

**No objections**

Signed: 	Dated: 19.04.2017	Signed: 	Dated: 02/05/2017
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	