



# COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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## OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/17/031/TWA	Expiry date: 16 May 2017
Received on: 30 March 2017	Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED
UPRN: 000192002699	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 Adjacent To 1 Launceston Close Launceston Close Old Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly
Proposal:	Pollarding of elm trees along NE boundary.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

### Description of site and development:

This is an notification of an intention to carry out tree pollarding works to a row of elm trees that form a boundary between 30 Ennor Close and a plot of land on Launceston Close adjacent to number 1 Launceston Close. The works are described as 'preventative' for public measures and in order to manage and control the trees in a built up area.

### Public representations:

None

### Consultee representations:

None

### Constraints and designations:

Conservation Area, Heritage Coast, AONB

**Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:**

The trees are located within the built up settlement of Old Town between the two estates of Ennor Close (Council Housing) and Launceston Close (Duchy of Cornwall Housing). The row of elms line the south west boundary of a public footpath that runs to the rear of 30 to 27 Ennor Close. The trees therefore are locally visible to the occupants of these two estates and to some extent can be seen from the public roads and footpaths that surround the site. To the south west side is a plot of land that appears to have limited public access. The reasons for the works relate to health and safety and would appear to be in connection with the trees' proximity to the footpath on Ennor Close. The footpath is a narrow and quite enclosed path due to the trees as well as the high boundary fences from the enclosed gardens of Ennor Close. Pollarding the trees will remove the risk of branches falling into the path and allow greater light to reach this area, whilst retaining the elm trees to a more manageable size for a domestic garden location.

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 works are considered acceptable given the proximity and impact upon the public footpath. Pollarding works should be carried out appropriately and to British Standards for Tree Works, but overall it is considered that whilst there would be some loss of amenity value the works are considered to be acceptable.

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

**Recommendation:**

**No objections**

Signed: 	Dated: 19/04/2017	Signed: 	Dated: 02/05/2017
Planning Officer		Senior Manager	