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OFFICER REPORT – DELEGATED

Application number: P/17/030/TWA	Expiry date: 16 May 2017
Received on: 30 March 2017	Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED
UPRN: 000192002698	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 Parting Carn Farm/Old Town Road Old Town Road Old Town St Mary's Isles Of Scilly
Proposal:	Removal of low hanging branches on two elm trees on either side of the road.
Application Type:	Tree Works Applications

Description of site and development:

This is a notification of an intention to carry out works to 2 elm trees at Parting Carn Farm. The trees are located on the north west side of the road and on the south east side of the road that leads out of the north side of Old Town along Old Town Road and to the south east of Parting Carn Farm. The works proposed include the removal of low hanging branches on both trees to permit an 18 foot clearance for vehicles to pass through. The reasons for the works are stated to be for 'health and safety'.

Public representations:

None

Consultee representations:

None

Constraints and designations:

Conservation Area, Heritage Coast and AONB

Appraisal/key issues and conclusion:



The trees are located in an area that is relatively open in character. The trees sit within field boundaries behind stone boundary walls of farmed fields. To the north west side this is used for free range chickens and cattle and to the south west side the fields are used to grow flowers. The trees therefore are highly visible in the locality and form an important part of the character of the tree and hedge-lined lanes that characterise the roads on St Mary's.

The tree species are identified as Elm Trees, they are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order, as stated on the form, but are located within the Isles of Scilly Conservation Area. 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 lower branches to allow vehicle clearance will ensure the trees are not damaged by vehicles passing and hitting low branches. Providing the works are carried out appropriately and to British Standards for Tree Works, that result in an improved appearance, it is considered that the tree works would not result in a particular loss of amenity for this area.

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	