

# Council of the Isles of Scilly Delegated Planning Report

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**Application Expiry date:** 16 April 2019

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**Consultation expiry date:**

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**Site notice expiry:** 26 March 2019

**Applicant:** Mr Philip Dawes

**Site Address:** 2 Castle Farm House

Old Town Lane

Old Town

St Mary's

Isles Of Scilly

TR21 0NN

**Proposal:** Re-pollarding of four elm trees that border the garden and the main road.

**Application Type:** Tree Works Applications

**Public Representations:**

**Consultation Representations:** NONE

**Constraints:** Close to SM of Ennor Castle

## Recommendation

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1. That no objections are made and no TPO is designated on the trees..
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## Site Description and Proposed Development

This is a notification to carry out tree works to x4 elm trees south of the property. The proposal is to re-pollard the four elms. The other elms within this boundary will remain without tree works.

Flat 2 Castle Farm is a property located in Old Town. The east boundary runs along the main road, Old Town Road, and it is this boundary where the four trees are located. Amenity of the trees are fairly prominent to the surrounding area in old town. The main benefit from the trees would appear to be the screening they provide between the public highway and the garden of the Castle Farm House. They are mature and tall trees with clear evidence of previous pollarding and pruning works.

## Background and Relevant History

None relevant. Nearby at the Distillery (formerly Kings of the Castle Childrens' soft plan) there has recently been a TPO on 2 Elm Trees on the basis of proposed unjustified tree removal.



## Planning Assessment

The key issues relate to the amenity value held by the trees, proposed to pollarded, and whether the works will result in harm to the amenity of the area, as a result of the works.

The trees are located in an area that is relatively enclosed in character with road, which is emphasised by the presence of the trees at this location. They are located on the boundary with a public highway and the property garden. The trees are visible to users of the highway and form an important part of the character of the tree and hedge-lined lanes that characterise the roads on St Mary's.

Elm Trees are native deciduous tree species that are now rare on Mainland UK due to the spread of Dutch Elm disease. The presence of unaffected Elm Trees on Scilly therefore makes the protection of such trees even more important.

The works proposed will result in tree retention with the pollarding which on an active site is important for the management of the landscape and the well-being of the road users. The recommendation generally is that there should be at least 5.2 metres between the road and any other hanging branches and given this is an adopted 'A road then in the interests of highway safety and on the basis the trees will be retained, whilst there will be some impact upon amenity, it is considered that this will not result in significant harm. The works proposed are considered appropriate and would not result in any significant loss to the amenity of this area. It is not recommended that a TPO is made for these trees at this time.

Signed: 	Dated: 01/04/2019	Signed: 	Dated: 01/04/2019
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