

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

**Application Number:** P/22/071/TWA

**Received on:** 30 September 2022

**UPRN:** 000192001298

**Application Expiry date:** 17 November 2022

**Neighbour expiry date:** 28 October 2022

**Consultation expiry date:** N/A

**Site notice posted:** 7 October 2022

**Site notice expiry:** 28 October 2022

**Applicant:** Mrs Tracy Badcock Council of the Isles of Scilly

**Site Address:** 3 Branksea Close  
Hugh Town  
St Marys  
Isles Of Scilly  
TR21 0ND

**Proposal:** Removal of one Palm Tree.

**Application Type:** Tree Works Applications

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**Recommendation: No Objection**

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## Site Description and Proposed Development

This is an application for the removal of one Palm Tree in the rear garden of 3 Branksea Close. The dwelling is one of 8 2 storey semi-detached dwellings forming a pedestrianized cul-de-sac accessed half way up Church Street. No 3 is on the south side of the close and the rear garden backs on to vacant land between the power station and the properties at the top of Rams Valley. The land then rises up to Buzza Hill and is not prominently viewed from anywhere except the neighbouring properties.

The palm tree subject to this application is located in the back garden close to the rear of the property next to a fence on the boundary with number 2. The tree is taller than the eaves of the house almost reaching the gutter and it is smothered in ivy.

The proposal is to remove the tree due to concerns around it's stability so close to property. It would be cut down to 4 feet in height and chemically treated to prevent re-growth.

## Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (07/10/2022 – 28/10/2022). The application appeared on the weekly list on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Due to the nature of the proposal no external consultations are required.

## Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- 2 & 4 Branksea Close
- Western Power Distribution, Church Road

[0] letters of representation have been received.

## Constraints:

- Conservation Area
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Heritage Coast
- Listed Building Grade II - Buzza Tower 85m
- Scheduled Monument - ROUND CAIRN WITH FUNERARY CHAMBER ON BUZZA HILL 100m
- Archaeological Constraint Area – Buzza Hill 50m

## Tree Assessment

| Tree Works Proposed                         | YES OR NO |
|---|-----------|
| Tree Felling                                | YES       |
| Tree Pruning                                | NO        |
| Works required to reduce hazards            | YES       |
| Works required for general tree maintenance | NO        |
| Multiple Trees                              | NO        |
| Single Tree                                 | YES       |
| Native Trees                                | NO        |
| High Amenity Value                          | NO        |

**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.

The palm tree (*cordyline australis*) subject to the application, although hardy and common to the islands, are not considered to be native species. In terms of amenity value, the single tree is considered to hold little amenity value as it is smothered in Ivy and close to the buildings. There is no real public vantage point or view from which the tree can be seen so it is being considered in the context of the property in which it is located. The tree is located on a small bank adjacent to the boundary fence and is growing close to the dwelling so it could be considered to be at risk of damaging the property.

It is considered that the removal of this tree would not harm the character and appearance of the conservation area.

| Tree Preservation Order  | YES OR NO |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Recommendation for a TPO | NO        |

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**Print Name:** Lisa Walton

18/11/2022

**Job Title:** Chief Planning Officer

**Signed:**



*Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications*

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