

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

**Application Number:** P/23/052/TWA

**Received on:** 11 July 2023

**UPRN:** 000192001431

**Application Expiry date:** 23 August 2023

**Neighbour expiry date:** 2 August 2023

**Consultation expiry date:** 03 August 2023

**Site notice posted:** 13 July 2023

**Site notice expiry:** 3 August 2023

**Applicant:** Mr Owain Holland, Live West

**Site Address:** Normandy House  
Normandy  
St Mary's  
Isles Of Scilly  
TR21 0NY

**Proposal:** To dismantle 1 no. Pittosporum tree, pollard 1 no. elm to 3m and crown lift 1 no. elm to 4m.

**Application Type:** Tree Works Applications

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**Recommendation:** PER

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## Site Description and Proposed Development

Normandy House is a relatively isolated development of a large group of buildings originally extended from a 3 storey granite built guest house with swimming pool. The property was extended and converted into a number of flats in the 1990's which are used for social housing and the swimming pool has been enclosed and development as a local authority's leisure facility.

Only the main original building is prominent in the landscape from the south but once you approach from the east on the main road the rear extensions and swimming pool become visible. The trees subject to this application sit in and around the north/west car park. The immediate area is dominated by elm trees either side of the road and surrounding the west of the property.

The proposal is to remove a pittosporum tree which sits in behind the granite car park wall where it bounds the highway. The two elm trees subject to proposed pollarding are in the middle of the car park and at the rear. The reason for the proposals is to remove shading, overhanging and obstruction of the buildings and gardens.

## Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (13/08/2023 – 03/08/2023). The application appeared on the weekly list on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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

## Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

- 1-10 Normandy House, Normandy

[0] letters of objection have been received

[0] letters of support have been received

## Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Conservation Area
- Heritage Coast

## Tree Assessment

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

**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 pittosporum tree subject to this application is not a native species and would most likely have self-seeded in this location in the corner of the car park. It is a tall and overhanging the highway and adjacent two storey section of Normandy House. The tree is not considered to offer any amenity value to the area given the presence of a number of mature elm trees. It's removal would most likely improve the condition of the building/gardens and the car park area and improve highway safety for those using the car park.

The elm trees are considered to hold some amenity value within the street scene and ground of the building. It is considered that the proposed management works are necessary to prevent interaction with the buildings and reduce shading and would not be detrimental to the character and appearance of the conservation area given the number of trees in the area.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	N

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**Print Name:** Lisa Walton 24/08/2023  
**Job Title:** Chief Planning Officer  
**Signed:** 

*Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications*

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