

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

**Application Number:** P/24/001/TWA

**Received on:** 16 January 2024

**UPRN:** 000192001546

**Application Expiry date:** 27 February 2024

**Neighbour expiry date:** NONE CONSULTED

**Consultation expiry date:** N/A

**Site notice posted:** 19 January 2024

**Site notice expiry:** 9 February 2024

**Applicant:** Mr Michael Gurr

**Site Address:** Vale View Cottage  
Maypole  
St Mary's  
Isles Of Scilly  
TR21 0NU

**Proposal:** Pollarding of 5 no. elm trees on the north boundary and 3 no. elm trees on the south boundary.

**Application Type:** Tree Works Applications

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**Recommendation:** PER

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## Site Description and Proposed Development

Vale View Cottage is a detached dwelling with a large garden situated in the northeast centre of St Mary's. It sits on the main road just before a sharp northward turn towards Pelistry with the land rising behind the dwelling towards Maypole Farm in the north and falling away down to the south east into the area of Holy Vale. The area is relatively rural surrounded by agricultural fields, trees and hedges.

This proposal is for the pollarding of 8 no. elm trees within the curtilage of the dwelling. 5 of these sit on the northern boundary hedge adjacent to an agricultural field and 3 on the southern boundary hedge border the road. The works would manage growth to prevent and damage to the surrounding area and power lines that run through the site.

## Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (19/01/2024 – 09/02/2024). The application appeared on the weekly list on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

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

#### Representations from Residents:

Neighbouring properties written to directly:

**None**

[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	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
High Amenity Value	Y

**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 trees subject to the application hold some amenity value within the landscape being on the boundary with the surrounding area. They can be seen approaching from the north and east and along the main road from the west. The trees adjacent to the road sit low down in a dip of the road surrounded by larger mature pine trees and mature hedging.

On plan, the garden of the dwelling appears to be well maintained with a variety plants, vegetables, hedging and trees. The elm trees subject to the application would appear to have been previously pollarded and the proposed works for retention and pollarding are considered to be acceptable in order to manage growth and avoid damage to surroundings.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	N

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**Print Name:** Lisa Walton 06/03/2024  
**Job Title:** Chief Planning Officer

**Signed:** 

*Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications*

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