



## **Higher Moors Accessible Hide Replacement Tree Survey Statement**

As the planning application details, this project requires the demolition of the existing Stephen Sussex bird hide and the erection of a new hide, screen and viewing platform in the same location. As these works are within 15m of existing trees, this triggers the need for a Tree Survey. This statement explains why a Tree Survey has not been conducted.

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust has a Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement with Natural England, which permits the Trust to coppice trees within specified habitat boundaries in Higher Moors and across St Mary's. The hide site is located within parcel D of 'Willow woodland', as specified in the 'IoSWT HTCS - Higher Moors Rotational Cutting Map' included with the application.

The three closest trees to the hide are two Alder trees and one willow tree (Goat / grey willow hybrid), as located in the Site Plan. Whilst unlikely, these trees may need coppicing to provide space for the construction activities proposed. If needed, this coppicing will be conducted using best practice by IoSWT Rangers as per the Countryside Stewardship Management Plan agreed by Natural England.