

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

Application Number: P/24/061/TWA

Received on: 7 August 2024

UPRN: 000192002887

Application Expiry date: 26 September 2024

Neighbour expiry date: NONE CONSULTED

Consultation expiry date:

Site notice posted: 20 September 2024

Site notice expiry: 11 October 2024

Applicant: Mr Alastair Martin Duchy of Cornwall

Site Address: Allotments
Moorwell Lane
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly

Proposal: Pollard a number of mature Elm trees to a height of 15ft to ensure healthy growth

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

The Moorwell Allotments lie on the bottom of the slope between the residential area of Jacksons Hill as it gives way to Pilots Retreat on the west side and the Porthmellon Waste & Recycling Center/footpath through to Carn Gwaval from Moorwell on the east side.

The allotments are lined and enclosed by trees and hedgerows on all sides. The row of elms subject to this application sit along the south western boundary of the allotments at the bottom of the residential plot containing Trehill, 8 Pilots Retreat. The land rises steeply up towards the residential dwelling. The proposal is to pollard the trees to allow more light to neighbouring land/property and ensure continued managed growth.



The applicant states – *“the reason for the need to pollard these trees as they have become very thick and are becoming a bit heavy on the slope. These are now causing a lot of shade over both the residential garden above and the allotments below. Ensuring the allotments have a good amount of light, especially the light from the west which allows for better winter growing. There are 6/7 mature elms in this location which have been previously pollarded (more visible from my photos attached from the winter). It is clear from the difference between your photo and mine from last year the extent of the growth within that last year.”*

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (20/08/2024 – 10/09/2024). The application appeared on the weekly list on 19th August 2024.

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

Representations:

[0] letters of objection have been received.

[0] letters of support have been received.

Constraints:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty/National Landscape
- Conservation Area

- Heritage Coast
- Flood Prone Land – St Mary’s – 40m
- SSSI – Lower Moors – 140m

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	N
Tree Pruning/Pollarding	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 are well established in an area not immediately visible from the public realm. The works proposed are only to pollard the trees in order to improve light to neighbours and reduce bulk/weight. The trees do offer some amenity value however as their removal is not proposed and the works are to maintain good growth, the works are considered acceptable.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	NO

Print Name: Lisa Walton

04/10/2024

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed:



Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
