

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

Application Number: P/25/021/TWA

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UPRN: 000192000974

Application Expiry date: 10 April 2025

Applicant: Mrs Ann Mumford
Site Address: 5 Springfield Court
Church Street
Hugh Town
St Mary's
TR21 0JT

Proposal: Application to reduce a Metrosideros tree by approx 1/3 due to overhanging and causing damage to an adjacent garage to the West.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

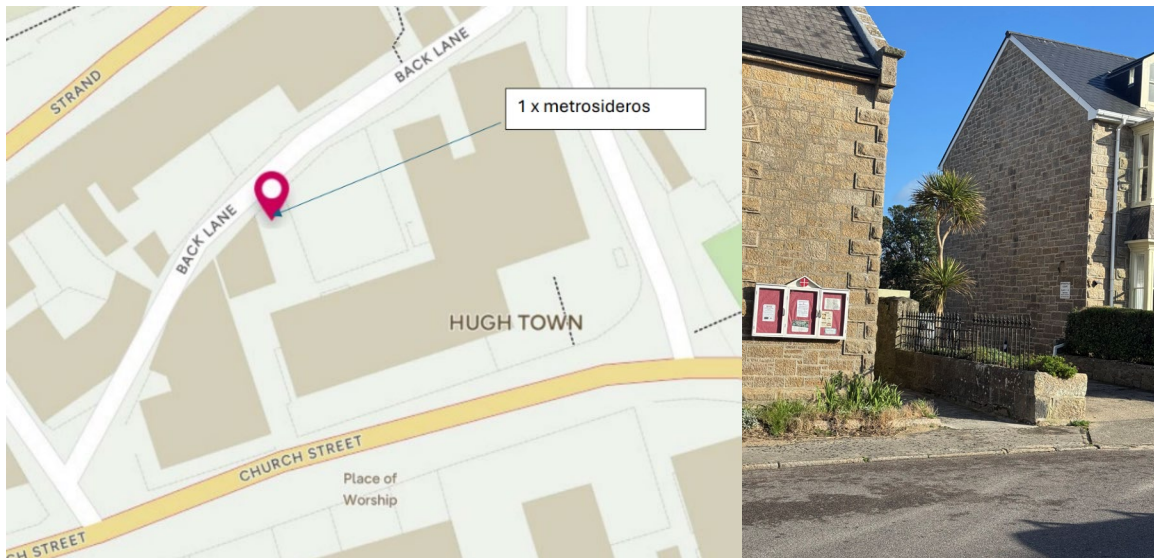
Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Springfield Court is a row of townhouses located on Church Street. To the west of the terrace is a driveway which leads to a large double garage, private garden and access to the properties within Springfield Court itself. To the north of the garage and private garden is Back Lane, with the properties of The Strand beyond.

The Metrosideros in question is located to the east of the garage and to the west of the private garden, as shown on the map below. Due to the two and a half storey height of Springfield Court the tree is only visible from Church Street when looking up the property's driveway from a relatively acute angle. The opposite is true for Back Lane, where the Metrosideros can be seen along almost the entire length lane.

The proposal is to reduce the tree by approximately one third. The application states that this is necessary because the tree is overhanging and causing damage to an adjacent garage. It goes on to state that the tree is causing significant shading to the private garden.



Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (27/02/2025 – 20/03/2025). The application appeared on the weekly list on 3rd March 2025. Due to the nature of the proposal no external consultations are required.

Representations from Residents:

A single, late representation was received on Tuesday 2nd April. It requested the Council consider the visual amenity value of the tree, stated ownership of the land where the tree is located, and questioned the risk to the neighboring garage

of the overhanging. It concluded by requesting the permission is deferred. The representation was accepted and can be read [here](#).

Constraints:

Conservation Area

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	N
Single Tree	Y
Native Trees	N
High Amenity Value	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.


Metrosideros is a freely-branching, wide-spreading evergreen tree that is native to New Zealand. As they are frost tender, Metrosideros are suited to the islands climate and can be seen growing in a number of locations on St Mary's. The only representation that was received notes that a number of the Metrosideros trees on the islands have been afflicted by a pest in recent years that typically kills the tree.

A site visit to Back Lane to view the tree in question took place on Friday 28th March 2025, which confirmed the tree is overhanging the garage. The public amenity value of the tree was also considered. This was deemed to be relatively low given that the tree can only be seen in the public realm from Back Lane and the driveway of Springfield Court. The representation stated that the rear elevation of Springfield Court is "lacking in any visual amenity" and this was taken into consideration. As the tree is being retained, and the work should preserve the tree, the works are deemed acceptable, and it is not considered necessary to impose a TPO.



Tree Preservation Order		YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO		N

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