

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

Application Number: P/25/072/TWA

Received on: 12 August 2025

UPRN: 000192001845

Application Expiry date: 23 September 2025

Site notice posted: 14 August 2025

Site notice expiry: 5 September 2025

Applicant: Ivor Martin

Site Address: Mellyns
Church Road
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0NA

Proposal: Application to sectionally fell and remove two Pinus Radiata.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Mellyns is located on the eastern outskirts of Hugh Town on the island of St Mary’s and the proposal is to sectionally fell and remove two semi-mature Pinus Radiata, commonly known as Monterey Pines, which sit on the property’s southern boundary, identified below.



The agent has stated that the trees appear to be in decline and are potentially causing risk of serious damage to Mellyns and associated and surrounding properties. The agent goes on to state that there is recent evidence of root-plate movement which is causing concern to the owners of the adjacent properties.

Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (14/08/2025 – 05/09/2025). The application appeared on the weekly list on 18th August 2025. Due to the nature of the proposal no external consultations are required.

Representations from Residents:

[0] letters of objection or support have been received.
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Constraints:

- Conservation Area
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
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Tree Felling	Yes
Works required to reduce hazards	Yes
Multiple Trees	Yes (2)
Native Trees	No
High Amenity Value	No

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 Monterey Pine (*Pinus Radiata*) is a vigorous, salt spray resistant, evergreen conifer belonging to the Pinaceae family. Although it is not a native species, Monteireys are enjoyed by many as a characteristic of the islands' landscape. The pines that are proposed to be felled are in a relatively prominent location at the top of Church Road and, after evaluation, were judged to have a good amount of amenity value. This amenity value has been balanced against the reasons for removal, namely the protection of nearby properties due to recent root-plate movement, and it is not considered necessary, in this case, to impose a Tree Preservation Order.

Tree Preservation Order	YES OR NO
Recommendation for a TPO	No

Print Name: Lisa Walton

30/09/2025

Job Title: Chief Planning Officer

Signed: 

Authorised Officer with Delegated Authority to determine Planning Applications
