

Council of the Isles of Scilly

Delegated Planning Report

Tree Works Notification

Application Number: P/25/074/TWA

Received on: 19 August 2025

UPRN: 000192000270

Application Expiry date: 2 October 2025

Site notice posted: 21 August 2025

Site notice expiry: 12 September 2025

Applicant: Benjamin McComb (Island Tree Surgeons)

Site Address: Chy Kensa
Hugh Street
Hugh Town
St Mary's
Isles Of Scilly
TR21 0LL

Proposal: Application to remove one pittosporum tree to just above ground level to prevent further damage to the adjacent boundary wall and path.

Application Type: Tree Works Applications

Recommendation: PER

Site Description and Proposed Development

Chy Kensa is located on Hugh Street, in Hugh Town, on the island of St Mary's and the pittosporum tree which the applicant is proposing to remove is located in the rear garden of the property, as identified below. To the east of the garden, running adjacent to its boundary wall, is a footpath that links Hugh Street and the Thorofare, and to the north of the garden is the Thorofare itself.



Consultations and Publicity

The application has had a site notice on display for 21 days (21/08/2025 – 12/09/2025). The application appeared on the weekly list on 26th 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.

Constraints:

- Conservation Area
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Heritage Coast

Tree Assessment

Tree Works Proposed	YES OR NO
Tree Felling	Yes
Tree Pruning	No
Works required to reduce hazards	Yes
Works required for general tree maintenance	No
Multiple Trees	No
Single Tree	Yes
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.

A site visit to the footpath that links Hugh Street to the Thorofare took place on Thursday 21 August 2025 and the tree was identified using the sketch plan provided by the applicant. The tree appeared in good health and, following an evaluation, it was concluded to have good amenity value. The applicant would like to remove the tree because it is lifting the adjacent pathway and boundary wall, and its removal would prevent any further damage. The lifting of the boundary wall was evident from the footpath and the damage could also be seen on the [photographic evidence](#) provided to support the application. It is considered, on balance, that permission to remove the non-native tree should be granted and that a Tree Preservation Order is not imposed. In assessing this proposal, it was noted that the tree could be *olearia traversii* rather than pittosporum and this was considered as part of the determination process.

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
