

Treewise
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Cornwall
TR10 8EX

My ref: PA21/00024/PREAPP
Date: 13 January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Application Number PA21/00024/PREAPP
Proposal Exception Notice for works to trees - T1 Sycamore, T2 large mature Sycamore, T3 Semi-mature Sycamore, G1 2 Elms and 1 Holly - subject to a Tree Preservation Order(TPO)
Location Barn Cottage Trevisson Flushing Falmouth
Applicant

In response to your enquiry received on 5 January 2021, I can confirm that only particular elements of the proposed tree works described above, are exempt from the requirement to obtain consent from the Local Planning Authority under section 198 (6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The exempt tree works are as follows.

T3- Proposed works involving the felling of a semi-mature Sycamore tree.

Our Forestry Officer supports the felling of T3 (semi-mature Sycamore tree) due to the basal cavities and elevated risk of tree failure.

G1 - Proposed works involving the reduction in height of 2 Elms and 1 Holly to approximately 9m.

Our Forestry Officer is of the opinion that these 3 trees contained within G1 is unlikely to be covered by the TPO, but advises that the proposed pruning would be detrimental to the trees health and a crown reduction back to natural pruning points would be a far less drastic way to manage the trees.

None exempt works include:

T1 - Proposed works involving the pollarding of the tree at approximately 4 metres.

Our Forestry Officer considers the proposed works to be drastic, although it evident that the tree has branch cavities and would benefit from proactive management on a pollard regime. An altered application of pollarding to 1m above the currently proposed red line would be supported, as it would leave smaller pruning wounds for the tree to heal, whilst still reducing the risk of branch or tree failure.

Our Forestry Officer advises that this should be submitted as an amendment TPO application PA21/00083 (which is currently with Cornwall Council for determination) as the Forestry Officer does not feel this constitutes an exemption notice.

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T2 - Proposed works involving the felling of a large mature Sycamore tree.

Our Forestry Officer sees no reason why T2 should be felled and this should be submitted as a normal TPO application. An altered application of a crown reduction and lift and lateral reduction from the building would be supported, and advises that this should be resubmitted as part of PA21/00083.

Further advice:

Although not included in this application following a site visit, it was noticed by our Forestry Officer that the remaining multi -stem sycamore tree not included in this application to the North of T3 has substantial decay. This tree should also be removed on the grounds of safety as part of the permission of the submission of a further exemption notice.

Due to the loss of amenity from the proposed works replanting should be conditioned, but the current locations are unsuitable for replanting due to the limited space and proximity to the buildings/highway. Alternative planting locations were discussed on site with the applicant and replanting to mitigate amenity loss can be conditioned through PA21/00083.

As set out above, only elements of the works proposed in this Exception Notice constitute an exception, as defined by the relevant Regulations, as a result it is deemed necessary to apply for formal consent or to give proper prior notification for those identified works.

As such, it is my view that you may not proceed with all the tree works described above without being granted formal consent from the Council. Details of how to apply for consent can be found on our website at www.cornwall.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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