

PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
2 SEPTEMBER 2020

**REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT TEAM LEADER**

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Application Ref	NP/20/0284/TPO		
Case Officer	Mike Higgins		
Applicant	Mr Paul Carroll		
Agent	Mr A Dowling, Arb-Aid		
Initial description of works	a. 2 x Sycamore at 12m - 30 % reduction to 2.5m. b. 2 x Ash at 12m - 30% reduction to 8.5m. c. 1 x Sycamore at 13m - 30% reduction to 9m. d. 1 x Ash at 15m - 30% reduction to 9m		
Agreed description of works	Tag 201 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 202 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 203 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 204 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 205 - Ash reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 206 - Ash reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m. Tag 208 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.		
Site Location	Beachbank, Freshwater East, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5LE		
Date Valid	02-Jun-2020	Target Date	27-Jul-2020

The application is referred to the Development Management Committee for determination as the application is made on land in which the Authority has an interest as landowner.

**Application description**

The application seeks consent to reduce the height of a stand of ash and sycamore trees that are partially located on PCNPA land. The trees are all protected by Tree Preservation Order No. TPO 18 (W3).

**Consultee Response**

**Lamphey Community Council** – No response at time of writing this report

## **Policies considered**

Please note that these policies can be viewed on the Policies page of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park website -

<http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/default.asp?PID=549>

- LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty
- LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities
- LDP Policy 11 - Protection of Biodiversity
- LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
- LDP Policy 30 - Amenity
- TAN 05 - Nature Conservation and Planning
- TAN 10 - Tree Preservation Orders

LDP 2 – Inspector's report

## **Constraints**

- Local Nature Reserve - within 25m
- NPA Property - within 25m
- Special Area of Conservation - within 500m
- Biodiversity Issue
- Rights of Way Inland - within 50m
- ROW Coast Path - within 10m
- Recreation Character Areas
- Affordable Housing Submarkets
- Seascape Character Areas

## **Officer's Appraisal**

### **Initial description of proposed**

- a) 2 x Sycamore at 12m - 30 % reduction to 2.5m.
- b) 2 x Ash at 12m - 30% reduction to 8.5m.
- c) 1 x Sycamore at 13m - 30% reduction to 9m.
- d) 1 x Ash at 15m - 30% reduction to 9m

During the consideration of the application and a site visit it was agreed that the works be amended as follows:-

- 201 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 202 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 203 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 204 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 205 - Ash reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 206 - Ash reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.
- 208 - Sycamore reduce canopy 3m from 12m to 9m.

## **Appraisal**

### **Clarification of Works**

The consultation process identified discrepancies on the proposed works and the trees on site; specifically, the species of some of the trees and the precise

locations of the trees in question. The PCNPA site manager visited the site and tagged the trees and plotted the locations and species for consideration as part of the application. This information was sent to the agent for clarification and was agreed via an email sent Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and was agreed by all parties.

### Ownership

Trees 201-203 inclusive and 208 are located on PCNPA managed/owned land and the site manager has provided permission for the works via an email sent on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Trees 204-206 are under private ownership. An advisory note clarifying that permission is required from all relevant landowners will be included in the TPO decision.

### Additional considerations

The PCNPA site manager has asked that a bat survey is carried out prior to any works on PCNPA land. This will be included as an advisory note to any TPO decision.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed works are to reduce the exposure of the trees through a reduction in height, which will retain the features and alleviate the exposure to reduce the trees in question to a similar height of the adjacent woodland canopy. The proposed works are considered to follow good arboriculture management.

### **Recommendation**

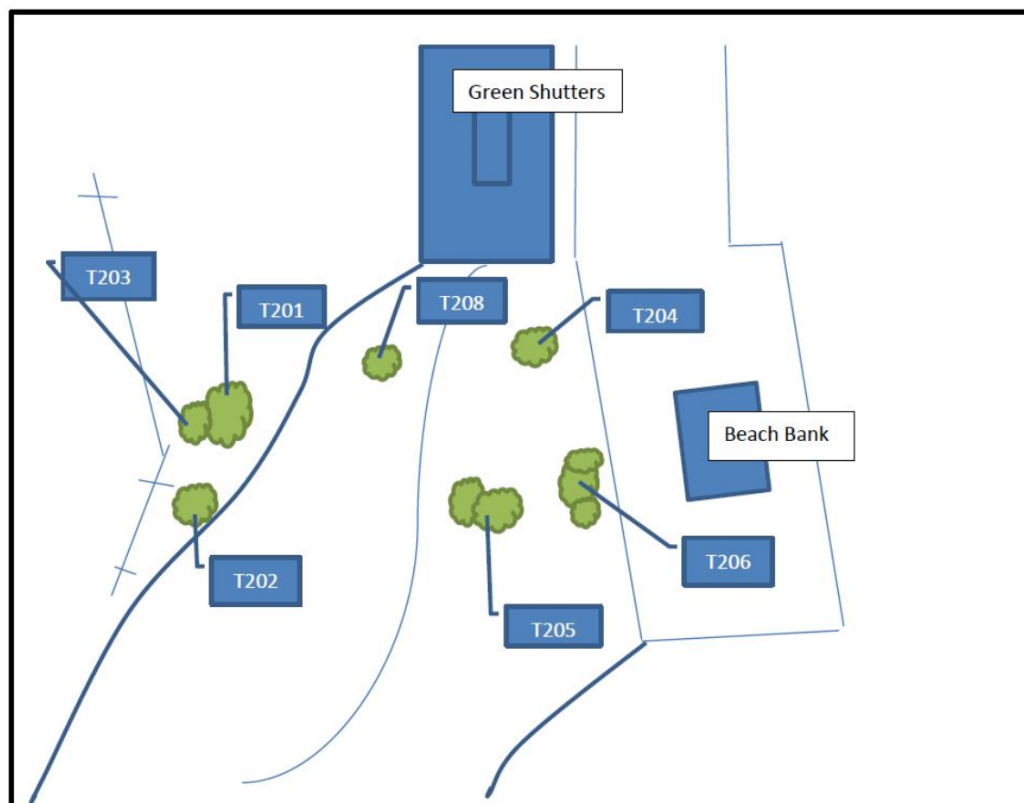
- **APPROVE, subject to the following conditions:**

1. All works hereby approved shall be carried out within two years of the date of this consent.  
**Reason:** Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
2. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the Approved tree location plan  
**Reason:** To prevent detrimental impact to trees, hedges and other landscape features which contribute to the amenity, landscape & biodiversity of the site and surrounding area. Policy: Local Development Plan - Policies: 1 (National Park Purposes and Duty), 8 (Special Qualities), 11 (Protection of Biodiversity), 15 (Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park), and 30 (Amenity)

### **Advice note:**

- Site manager requests that a bat survey be undertaken prior to any work. No bat roosts are to be disturbed and work on the trees is prohibited if bats are found.

**TPO 20/0284/TPO – Agreed tree location plan**



**Original Site plan as provided with TPO application**

*The above plan superseded this plan under agreement with the agent.*

