

Application Ref: NP/17/0725/TPO

Case Officer	Mike Higgins		
Applicant	Mr T Jones, PCNPA		
Proposal	Works to trees in The Plantation		
Site Location	Saundersfoot Plantation, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire		
Grid Ref	SN13440431		
Date Valid	08-Dec-2017	Target Date	01-Feb-2018

This application is referred to the Development Management Committee for determination as Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority is the applicant.

Consultee Response

Saundersfoot Community Council: No Response Received - at the time of writing this report.

Policies considered

Please note that these policies can be viewed on the Policies page 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 10 - Tree Preservation Orders

Constraints

NPA Property - within 25m

Special Area of Conservation - within 500m

Special Protection Area - within 500m

LDP Open Space

Rights of Way Inland - within 50m

LDP Centre:60pc aff housing;30 units/ha

Recreation Character Areas

Low Coal Risk

Surface Coal

Landscape Character Assessment

Seascape Character Assessment

Officer's Appraisal**Site and Context**

Saundersfoot Plantation is located to the south west of Saundersfoot and is bound by residential properties to the southern and eastern boundaries and highway to the northern and western boundaries. The plantation is covered by Tree Preservation Order number TPO 7

Appraisal

The trees are of varying ages and sizes with the tallest ones rising above neighbouring trees to the north east; this has resulted in a lack of cohesion to the woodland canopy. The tree report submitted with the application by the Tree Consultant identifies the following:-

- Slender ash tree to the east of the group has recently had a limb fail at approximately 3m.
- A Holly tree adjacent to ash trees is showing signs of decline with deadwood throughout crown.
- Sycamore to the centre of the group has pruning wounds on the main stem and throughout the crown; it has a lack of taper around the base suggesting the ground level has been raised at some point.
- Young beech tree to the west of the group, adjacent to the road, has recently been pruned which has increased its slenderness.
- Management decisions affecting these trees must be mindful of the group dynamics and the risk of exposure issues in the future.

Having regard to the information submitted and following a site visit it is noted that the trees are growing in a linear group along the western boundary of the plantation woodland. An ash tree in the group recently lost a limb into the adjacent property; which required immediate remedial works.

A visual survey of the linear group identified that the trees are growing outside of the cohesive canopy of the woodland. The remaining trees in the group are of poor form; with issues of slenderness of suppression that reduce the visual amenity of the trees.

The proposed coppicing of the trees will produce a more typical woodland edge; with a cohesive rounded edge canopy structure. The retention of the stumps to allow coppice regrowth will maintain a future boundary feature; that will also supplement the adjacent woodland edge species.

The works proposed will improve the visual amenity of the woodland as well as reducing future management issues. It is proposed to plant additional planting to further enhance the boundary of the plantation, a condition is recommended to carry out the planting within the first planting season following the completion of the proposed works.

Conclusion

The proposed works are considered to result in an improvement to the boundary of the plantation to the benefit of the visual amenities of the area.

Recommendation

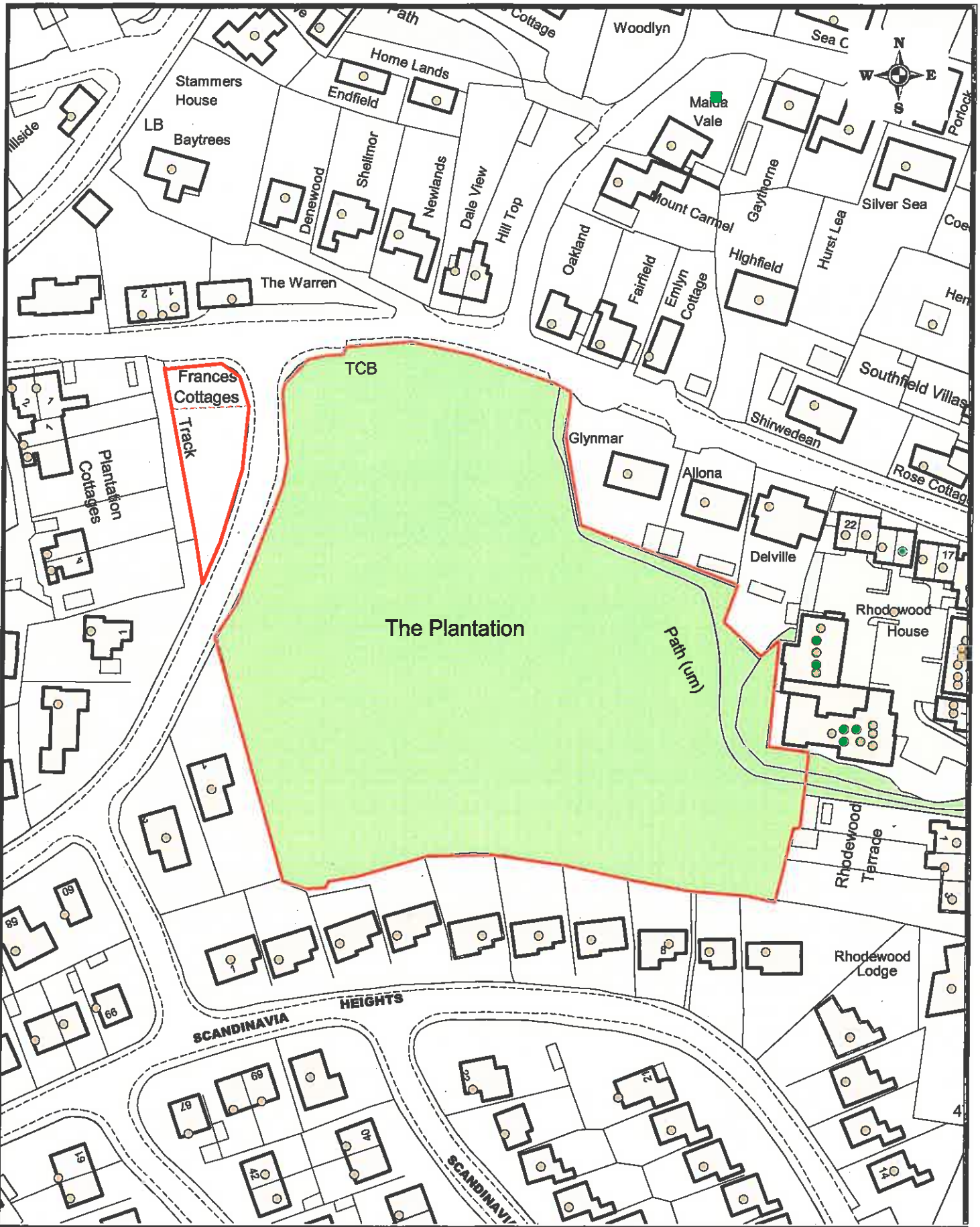
• **APPROVE, subject to the following conditions:**

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. Planting of 7 no native woodland edge trees in the first planting season as close as is practicable to the original location along the woodland boundary following the works hereby authorised

Reason: To prevent detrimental impact to trees, woodlands, 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)



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