

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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1 Applicant name and address

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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	6499	Name	Caledonian Canal Dochgarron Loch to Muirtown Lochs
Local Authority	The Highland Council	Grid Ref	N/A
Description of location of land	The proposed works are within and adjacent to the scheduled area of the Caledonian Canal near Tomnahurich swing bridge in Inverness		

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic Environment Scotland has been consulted throughout the development of the main proposal. An application for scheduled monument consent was approved on behalf of Scottish Ministers in 2014. Construction of the new road (Stage 1) will commence in 2016 and Capita has been liaising with HES on discharge of conditions.	

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Infill of hollow adjacent to canal with imported material. Dual footpath to be omitted. Turning head for Scottish Canals operational vehicles relocated.
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5 Description of proposed works

Scheduled Monument Consent was granted in 2014 for the construction of the new Inverness West Link in Inverness. The road will cross the Caledonian Canal via a new swing bridge and detailed drawings of all works in and around the scheduled area were submitted in the application at that time.

Stage 1 of the construction of the Inverness West Link will commence in April 2016 (advance works to clear trees has taken place and this was agreed with HES on basis of the previously submitted tree plan layout). Stage 1 will involve the import of material to build up the road approach to the Canal from Canal Parks and this will include the approach to the bridge.

Plan PL08 (enclosed) submitted with the 2014 SMC application shows the agreed layout of road, foot and cycle paths, and the location of underpasses to separate non motorised users (NMU) from the main vehicle routes and facilitate direct access to the centre of Inverness along the River Ness from the Caledonian Canal and the Great Glen Way. A copy is attached for information. Stage 1 does not include the new swing bridge. This will be part of a future construction works contract in Stage 2.

Drawing PL15 (enclosed) shows sections 07 and 08 through the proposed road and the Canal. As part of a reassessment of the original design a decision has been taken to partially fill the hollow to the right of section 07 to reduce the incline and ease future maintenance as well as reduce the risk of falls.

PL15 Rev1(enclosed) shows the proposed infill circled in red. Infill will be with surplus top soil from elsewhere on the site.

I have also enclosed an additional drawing CS059146/H/100/SK064 Rev P1 to show the revised layout with the area of the infill. The boundary of the scheduled area is indicated by the dotted blue line. There is also a small change to the proposed footpath layout. The footpath closest to the canal is omitted and for safety reasons towpath users will be directed away from the swing bridge to the underpass. The path will remain as an access for Scottish Waters operational vehicles and the proposed turning circle has been relocated closer to the new Canal crossing.

These are the only proposed changes affecting the scheduled monument as part of the Stage One. Scottish Water has now omitted the diversion of its water main through the tow path, and other services work will be undertaken in Stage 2 as part of the construction of the new swing bridge.

6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Landscape Design & Mitigation Sheet 1	HRS7126 PL08	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Landscape & Mitigation Sections	HRS7126 PL15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Landscape & Mitigation Sections	HRS7126 PL15 Rev1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Amendment to Earthworks in vicinity of Caledonian Canal	CS059146/H/100/SK064 P1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Protection Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Areas of Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | European Protected Species |

If Yes, please give details below

Capita has undertaken detailed discussions with SEPA and SNH about environmental impacts that could arise from construction work. Details of correspondence were attached to the previous SMC and mitigation measures including additional surveys have been undertaken. The recent tree clearing works along the Canal were undertaken following agreed procedures for protecting bats and nesting birds.

8 Other information relevant to application

A previous application for Scheduled Monument Consent was submitted to Historic Scotland and granted consent (November 2012) for ground investigations to inform the construction of the new swing bridge (Stage 2).

A detailed SMC application for the full Inverness West Link as it affected the scheduled area was submitted in January 2014 and granted consent subject to condition on 18th March 2014. (See reference AMH/6499/1/1 Case ID: 201306147)

9 Declaration

- ☒ I hereby apply for scheduled monument consent for the works described in this application and shown on the accompanying plans and drawings.
- ☒ I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true and accurate.

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