

**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**

<b>Index no</b>	SM90119	<b>Name</b>	Dunkeld Cathedral		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Perth & Kinross	<b>Grid Ref</b>	300000, 700000		
<b>Description of location of land</b>	That part of the Scheduled Monument west of the Cathedral, on land owned by the Hilton Dunkeld House Hotel.				

**3 Pre-application discussions**

**Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)**      Y       N

A series of verbal conversations and associated emails between PKCT staff and Oliver Lewis.

**4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)**

Tree-planting, and installation of interpretation, to preserve and communicate the designed lanscape setting of Dunkeld House and Cathedral.

**5 Description of proposed works**

The proposed works comprise:

The installation of x5 'tree-trail' interpretation panels, strategically placed throughout the area to correspond to particular trees of interest and significance. These will each be mounted on steel frames which will be secured in position by pushing, by hand, a flattened 'peg' into the ground to a depth of 450 mm. The design of these pegs paid particular attention to the need to minimise ground disturbance and negate the need for excavating holes in advance.

The installation of x1 'information node' interpretation panel, to communicate the history of this area of the designed landscape to visitors. This will require the excavation, by use of a spade, of a hole 450 x 450 x 450mm into which a supporting post will be set in a foundation of concrete or 'postcrete'. The location chosen for this feature is an area of ground that has experienced subterranean disturbance in the last 10 years.

The planting of x15 new specimen trees to preserve the wooded character and environment of this particular part of the deisnged landscape of Dunkeld House.

The x15 new trees will be carefully sited as close as is practically possible to the points on which other trees have previously stood: from earlier discussions with HES it follows that these particular points within the wider area will already have experienced significant disturbance from an earlier generation of trees.

Each tree will be planted in a planting hole measuring no more than 450 x 450 x 450mm, excavated by hand (ie with a spade).

Given the presence of a large and active local deer population, it will be necessary to protect the new specimen trees with wooden enclosures. These will be square enclosures, measuring 2m x 2m. They will be supported by four posts, one in each corner, which will be driven into the ground (no digging) to a depth of up to 450mm. Again, by virtue of the way in which the exact planting sites have been chosen, both the new tree and the four posts of the enclosures will all be within 2.5m of the base of historic trees that have since been lost. All of these historic trees will have been large growing species with root plates several meters in diameter, and so neither the new trees nor the posts will be going into undistrubed ground.

To suppress weeds and promote quick and successful establishment of the new specimen trees, a membrane will be laid across ground level surrounding the young trees in their protective enclosures, and this will be covered with a layer of woodchip for aesthetic purposes.

If this application for SMC is successful, PKCT will liaise closely with HES over the commencement of works and a timetable for their delivery. In accordance with timings of the wider related project, it is hoped that the six interpretation panels included in this application can be fully installed by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, and the tree planting undertaken by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

<b>6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)</b>				
No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Technical drawing of 'tree trail' panel supports	20 trail panels.pdf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Technical drawing of 'information node'	4 node panels.pdf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Area map, showing the area within the SM zone that this application relates to	area_map_Dunkeld_SMC.png	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Detailed map, showing more accurately the positions of proposed	Cathedral Grove, Dunkeld - Proposed Tree Planting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	new trees and signage	Plan January 2016.pdf		
5.	Landowner's letter of support	0412_001.pdf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species**

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                           |                                     |
| <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

**8 Other information relevant to application**

It is worth noting, especially with regard to the proposed tree planting which is seen as essential to preserving the landscape character, that the area of the Dunkeld House designed landscape affected by this application is particularly important to Scotland's arboreal heritage, briefly:

- it is the site of one of the earliest plantings of European larch in Scotland (1738)
- it is home to trees recognised as Scottish 'heritage trees' including the 'Parent Larch' which survives from the 1738 plantings
- it is home to several so-called 'champion trees' - trees recognised by the Tree Register of the British Isles as being among the largest examples of their type in these islands
- it, together with other parts of the wider estate, is home to a new generation of trees that have been planted by 'the iCONic project' - these plantings represent species threatened in their native habitats worldwide, and through collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, they have significant scientific and conservation value that conservationists will be able to draw on in future years.

**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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