

Historic Environment Scotland

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e-Application for Scheduled Monument Consent

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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1 Applicant name and address

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County / Region					
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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM1896	Name	Caisteal Bharraich, Tower
Local Authority	Highland	Grid Ref	NC 580 567
Description of location of land	The scheduled ancient monument site is located to the west of Tongue overlooking the Kyle of Tongue on a steep and rocky area of land with limited access. To the east of the site, between the castle and the town of Tongue runs the Rhian Burn, the mouth of which connects to the Kyle to the north-east of the site.		

3 Pre-application discussions

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

Y ☒ N ☐

Meeting held with Nicki Hall (NH) at Historic Environment Scotland 17/10/15 where discussions were had in relation to improving visitor access separately to confirmed repair works. NH advised that reinstating a roof or building a viewing platform were possible, but that this would require sufficient explanation and perhaps a feasibility study would be recommended. NH recommended other comparable projects for consideration in the preparation of the proposals and consent application. Telephone conversation and email correspondence with NH 17/12/15 where it was advised that consolidation works should be the main focus of the application however improved access would also be welcomed. This should be addressed through an options appraisal process looking at minimum measures that can be taken and the various options. NH advised on some comparable projects and raised issues worth considering in the preparation of proposals. NH also commented on the concept of building a roof onto the monument and possible grant funding.

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Consolidation and repair of the monument and improving access including construction of a viewing platform.

5 Description of proposed works

Repair and consolidation works include capping of wallhead with lime mortar, full re-pointing removal of any loose masonry to leave a sound substrate to build from. Stainless steel ties to be used to hold solid stone to masonry core and in areas where cracks are present between the walls. Recently collapsed area of East Elevation to be reinstated informed by analysis of fall pattern. A new stone is to be provided at the door sill where there is a stone missing and any missing stones in central area of wall to be replaced if they can be located from surrounding rubble, if this is not possible then surrounding stones must be well secured and packed with new mortar. Loose stone to internal door jamb to be rebbed and set in new mortar, existing recess to remain. All vegetation is to be removed and loose stones rebbed onto new mortar.

Access to the monument is to be improved by installation of steps to the entrance to avoid the current 1m change in level. This is to be lightweight and formed in stainless steel with minimised disruption to the ground surface and is not to be attached to the monument itself. Internally proposals include a stainless steel spiral staircase up to a viewing platform. The finished floor level of this is to be +4110mm from the threshold stone and will include safety barriers at 1100mm from the FFL. This lightweight and minimal structure will limit the visual impact from the outside of the monument and minimises internal floor area affected.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Please see drawing issue sheet attached		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

Yes	No	
<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

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.

Name Groves-Raines Architects

Date

On behalf of Ben Loyal Estate Ltd.

Where an application is being dealt with by an agent to whom correspondence should be sent, state the:-

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