

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM6501	Name	Crinan Canal. Cairnbaan to Ardrishaig		
Local Authority	Argyll and Bute	Grid Ref	83614, 90771		
Description of location of land	Transport Link in rural setting. Crinan Canal between Locks 6 and 7.				

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Remediation work on existing canal-side rd. at Cairnbaan Crinan Canal.
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5 Description of proposed works

The current road straddles the stone pitching on the canal embankment. This is resulting in instability and degradation of the edge of the road. This is occurring over a 200m length of rd. (See Fig 1, 2 and 3). In order to rectify this problem, we are proposing to construct steel reinforced wooden anchor beams (600mm high) on both sides of the existing road and lay a new road surface in between these anchor beams (See Fig 2). The new road surface will be secured to the original surface with a series of steel bar ties at 20m intervals. The original surface will not be removed.
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Excavations will be limited to the inside length of the road for the installation of the anchor beam, between the boundary wall and the existing road (depth of excavation 500mm).

The outer anchor beam (running for 200m along the edge of the canal) will not require any excavation as it sits atop of the pitching and is braced with a steel bar.

For the detailed methodology please see supporting documentation '*Plan of Construction and Methodology. Supporting Material for Scheduled Monument Application – Cairnbaan Rd Remediation*'.

Heritage Impact Assessment

Impact on the historic fabric of the canal will be minor. The current road will not be removed, and the excavation of the anchor beam trench will be into ground that has previously been disturbed during the installation of both a water main and BT duct (see fig 2). The likelihood of surviving buried historic structures or historic surfaces is therefore very low.

In terms of setting the wooden anchor beam on the canal-side may be seen from the off-side, however this will largely be masked by the existing fence-line (see photographs). We feel this will not unduly affect the setting of the canal and will not interrupt views of the canal along its east to west access nor hinder views of Lock 6 and 7, which are key historic canal features.

Environmental Impact assessment

Cairnbaan does not lie within or adjacent to a designated area. The National Biodiversity Network (NBN) network has been checked for records of protected species in the Cairnbaan locality. There is one record from 1991 of otter present in the Crinan Canal at Cairnbaan, no further sightings of otter have been recorded since. There are two recording of bats in the Cairnbaan area but no site details were provided.

The proposed work to upgrade the existing towpath/hard surfaced road between the stone pitching on the canal embankment and the masonry boundary wall with the neighbouring property will not impact on protected species. The work area is adjacent to a short pound measuring 175m in length with locks at either ends, the B841 on the south side of the canal and the hard surfaced towpath on the north side of the canal. There are no feeder streams entering the canal on the pound which minimises access to the stretch of water for otter. The road traffic on one side of the canal and housing on the other will also deter protected species from utilising this section of canal. The hard surfaces also do not provide a suitable habitat for protected species.

6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)				
No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted

1.	Location Plan	Fig 1. Cairnbaan Tow Path Road, possible diversion route.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Plan and Cross Section	Fig 2. Nr8390_Cairnbaan-A3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Photographs	Fig 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Detailed Methodology	Fig 4 Plan of Construction and Methodology. Supporting Material for Scheduled Monument Application – Cairnbaan Rd Remediation	<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

- Site of Special Scientific Interest
 Special Protection Areas
 Special Areas of Conservation
 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.

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Date 21/12/2016

On behalf of Scottish Canals

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