



Case Information

Reference/Case ID	300018964		
Scheduled Monument	Dunglass Collegiate Church, 70m E of 2 Stable Cottages		
Index no	SM13313	Grid ref	NT 76600 71800
Date application validated	23 December 2016		
Summary of proposed works	Display of conserved graveslab in North Transept		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends that approval for **Dunglass Collegiate Church - Display of conserved graveslab in North Transept** be granted without conditions.

2. Background

The monument is the remains of Dunglass Collegiate Church, founded in the first half of the 15th century. It is visible as a roofed building comprising a nave, crossing and bell tower, transepts, chancel and sacristy.

The scheduled area extends 5m beyond the visible remains of the Church and excludes: any burial lairs where rights of burial still exist; 20th-century or later burial enclosures; the above-ground elements of the modern raised floors; the above-ground elements of all services and signage and footlights; and the top 200mm of all paths and gravelled areas.

The monument is of national importance as a remarkably intact example of a Scottish medieval collegiate church and as such, it can make a significant contribution to our understanding of medieval ecclesiastical foundations in the Lothians, medieval patronage and status, and medieval Christian liturgy. It retains a number of unusual features, including the sedilia and the carvings of female heads on the recessed tomb in the sacristy. There is high potential for the presence of buried archaeological remains that can provide information about the sequence of development of the church and its reuse.



It is the interior East wall of the North transept and a conserved memorial stone that this application relates to. The application is for the erection of the memorial stone against the East wall of the North transept. It follows conservation works to the stone (split into two fragments).

It has been submitted by Historic Environment Scotland Conservation Group.

The application is accompanied by a treatment record for the graveslab in its two component parts and an annotated location plan.

HES Heritage Management Directorate has undertaken pre-application discussions with the applicant regarding the works and options for the erection of the memorial stone - this application accords with those discussions.

3. Proposals

- Securing two stone fragments with padded brackets to the interior East wall.

Consented works – **Dunglass Collegiate Church - Display of conserved graveslab in North Transept.**

Aims – To reinstate the two fragments of a conserved memorial stone in a vertical, wall hung position (East interior wall of the transept).

Personnel – Historic Environment Scotland Applied Conservation Unit.

4. Representations received

No third party representations were received.

5. Report

a) Policy considerations

The application should be considered with the following legislative and policy considerations in mind:

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Part 1 Section 2: Control of works affecting scheduled monuments.

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3.14. A monument is included in the schedule to secure the long-term legal protection of the monument in the national interest, in situ and as far as possible in the state it has come down to us. Scheduled monuments have an intrinsic value as monuments, not related to any concept of active use. It is the value of the monument to the nation's heritage, in terms set out in the section on Scheduling in Chapter 2 of this policy statement that is the primary consideration in determining applications for scheduled monument consent.

3.16. Works on scheduled monuments should therefore normally be the minimum level of intervention that is consistent with conserving what is culturally significant in a monument.

3.17. As each monument will require treatment specific to its individual nature, characteristics, significance and needs, any proposed change to it must be fully and explicitly justified.

3.18. Scheduled monument consent applications must be considered in terms of the cultural significance of the monument and the impact that the proposals would have upon this cultural significance. The more important particular features of the monument are to its cultural significance, the greater will be the case against interventions which modify these features.

3.20. Where change is proposed, it should be carefully considered, based on good authority, sensitively designed, properly planned and executed, and where appropriate in the context of an individual monument, reversible.

b) Assessment

The proposed works involve the erection of a graveslab in a vertical position and secured to the East wall of the North transept at Dunglass collegiate church.

The physical impact of the proposed works would be the installation of mortar-mounted brackets and a wooden plinth located to secure the erection of two stone fragments. The works are assessed as minor and not extensive. The works would, therefore, not affect the cultural significance of the monument.

c) Other material considerations, including impact of the works on Protected Species and Places

No impact on Protected Species and Places considered likely – see PP&S assessment.



d) Conclusion

The application should be viewed as works as set out in both Part 1 Section 2 of the AMAA Act 1979 and paragraph 3.4 of the policy statement.

The works, comprising the wall mounted reinstatement of a memorial stone are being done to elements of the monument in such a way that they will have minimal impact on the cultural significance of the monument. They do not, therefore, conflict with paragraphs 3.16 and 3.18 of the policy statement.

Consequently, no conditions are considered necessary.

6. Recommended decision

The works proposed are considered acceptable in meeting the terms of national policy for scheduled monuments, and also accounting for other material considerations.

I recommend consent is **granted without conditions**.

7. Conditions

No conditions have been attached to this decision.

8. Approval

Case officer	Andrew Fulton	Date	18 January 2017
Approved by	Iona Murray	Date	19 January 2017

Annex A – list of supporting documents

- Annotated location plan of the conserved graveslab (DC-GS-01).
- Conservation treatment record (ACU report 2014).