

Case information

Reference/Case ID	201504436		
Scheduled Monument	Caledonian Canal, Kyltra Lock		
Index no	M5291	Grid Ref	NH352068 235200.0000 806800.0000
Date of Application	15 October 2015	Application Received	16 October 2015
Summary of proposed works	Replacement of cope stone and repair to surrounding work situated on the north wall east of escape ladder at Kytra Lock.		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends approval for the replacement of a cope stone and a repair to surrounding work situated on the north wall east of escape ladder at Kytra Lock.

2. Background

- Replacement of cope stone and repair to surrounding stone work situated on the north wall, east of escape ladder at Kytra Lock.

Designed by Thomas Telford and built between 1803 and 1822, the Caledonian Canal was in its day the world's largest canal.

There has not been any pre-application discussion regarding the replacement of the cope stone. However, the applicant has undertaken similar repairs in other sections of the canal and we have been content with these works.

3. Proposals

The proposals are to replace a broken and delaminated cope stone and repair the surrounding stone work.

4. Representations received

No representations were received.

5. Report

a) Policy considerations

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

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.

b) Assessment

The proposals are to replace a broken and delaminated cope stone and to repair the surrounding stonework. The method statement accompanying the application explains that there is a risk of historic fabric falling into the lock if the cope stone is not repaired and that this also represents a health and safety issue. A matching stone in St Bees will be used and bedded in place with lime mortar. The surrounding area will also be pointed with lime mortar.

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

There will be no impact on Protected Species and Places.

In addition, the proposed works will address potential health and safety issues at the site as the area has become unsafe.

d) Conclusion

The proposed works can be justified as they are necessary in order to secure the longer-term preservation of this section of the canal and enable its continued use, thereby complying with Section 3.19 of SHEP.

No opportunity for monitoring the works or recording has been provided, these are therefore conditioned here.

6. Recommended decision

Subject to compliance with the schedule of conditions, 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, subject to the conditions detailed below.**

7. Conditions

1. At least two weeks before any works begin on site, the applicant shall provide a written timetable of work to Historic Environment Scotland and the local authority archaeologist. Any changes to that timetable shall also be notified to both bodies beforehand.

Reason: to enable a representative of Historic Environment Scotland to have the opportunity to inspect the work for which consent is granted, and to inform the local authority archaeological service of the proposed works.

2. Two weeks after completion of the works, the applicant will provide a photographic record to Historic Environment Scotland, taken before, during and after the works.

Reason: To ensure that an accurate record of works to the monument is maintained.

8. Approval

Officer	Nicola Hall	Date	23/11/2015
Approved by	John Raven	Date	24/11/2015

Annex A – list of supporting documents

Top view map (Ref 1)
Photo of damaged stone (Ref 2)
Photo of area (Ref 3)
Method statement