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# Historic Environment Scotland Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba

## e-Application for Scheduled Monument Consent

### Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

It is important that you read the accompanying guidance notes as incorrect completion will delay the processing of your application. You can complete and submit this form by email ([hs.smc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.smc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) or by post to Heritage Management Business Support, Historic Environment Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH.

#### 1 Applicant name and address

<b>Title</b>	Mr and Mrs	<b>First Name</b>	RB	<b>Surname</b>	Mitchell
<b>Company / Organisation</b>					
<b>Building No / Name</b>	Ardgathen Croft				
<b>Street</b>					
<b>Town / City</b>	Alford				
<b>County / Region</b>	Aberdeenshire				
<b>Postcode</b>	AB33 8NB				

#### 2 Monument to which application applies

<b>Index no</b>	6	<b>Name</b>	Auld Kirk, ring cairn 150m E of Ardgathen		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Aberdeenshire	<b>Grid Ref</b>	356514 816311		
<b>Description of location of land</b>	The monument lies in a field to the E of Ardgathen Croft				

#### 3 Pre-application discussions

<b>Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)</b>	<b>Y</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>N</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site meeting with HMFO Louise Roger. Methodology for felling has been discussed with the contractors, Future Forestry, after consultation with HES Inspector Oliver Lewis.		

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

The mature beech tree which is growing on the N edge of the cairn will be felled.
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#### 5 Description of proposed works

This mature beech tree appears to be dying. It is hollow inside and has several dead branches. A rope will be put up the tree using rods (not climbing) to control the direction of the fell. A felling cut will be placed at approx. 0.5m from the ground. This will enable the tree to land outwith the Cairn. As an additional protection, straw bales will be used beneath the tree on the perimeter of the cairn to provide cushioning. All resulting timber will be removed from the scheduled area. The stump will be left to rot in situ. The work will be carried out in this winter, thereby minimising the risk to any roosting bats.
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Given its current condition, it is thought unlikely that the tree will be used by bats anyway.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Location map		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Image of tree growing on cairn.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**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

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**Other information relevant to application**

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**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

X

Date

X 25/11/15

On behalf of

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

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<b>Name of Agent</b>		<b>Tel No</b>	
<b>Address</b>			
		<b>Post Code</b>	