

**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.

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<b>2 Monument to which application applies</b>			
<b>Index no</b>	90285	<b>Name</b>	Stenness, stone circle and henge
<b>Local Authority</b>	Orkney Islands Council	<b>Grid Ref</b>	06 HY306125
<b>Description of location of land</b>	Rural: Flat agricultural field next to a loch on the mainland of the Orkney isles.		

<b>3 Pre-application discussions</b>	
<b>Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)</b>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>On site inspection with HES Heritage Manager on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015, attendance at community meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 where tour guides and WHS rangers detailed the access issues and subsequent email correspondence with HES Heritage Manager dated 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015.</p>	

<b>4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)</b>
Access Improvements - Replacement of an existing style and gate with gates of a more accessible type.

**5 Description of proposed works**

Installation of a replacement gate, with new wear resistant flagstone paving, giving access through a boundary post and wire stock proof fence to The Stones of Stenness, and the installation of a new gate (replacing a style) in the far north-west corner of the site giving access to Barnhouse. Both gates will require new foundations in locations where there has been no previous archaeological excavation.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Drawing: Scheduled Area	Dated 16 April 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Drawing: Works locations and construction details	555-285-40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Document: Written Statement of Investigation	Dated 27 October 201	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input 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                                  |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <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

Please note that while the Stones of Stenness site is close to the SSSI of Lochs of Harry and Stenness it is outside of its site boundary and likewise the SAC of Stenness Loch.

Please also note that:

- The site lies within The Hoy and West Mainland National Scenic Area
- The site lies within the Brodgar Rural Conservation Area (acting as the WHS Buffer Zone).

**8 Other information relevant to application**

Proposed replacement of existing style with a more accessible gate type:

At the Annual Works Audit of the monument this year we were advised by the World Heritage Site Rangers that increasing use of the style access to/from the Barnhouse path was occurring and was beginning to both cause damage to the style and, due to pressurised use, a health and safety hazard. (Styles are meant for occasion use by small parties of individuals not continually by large groups) We therefore agreed to replace the existing style with a more accessible gate type as detailed on the attached drawing.

Proposed replacement of existing bow-yett gate with a more accessible gate type:

At both the Annual Works Audit this year and at a community meeting of 22nd September 2015, we were advised that congestion was a serious problem at this gate and the associated erosion is damaging the site and is a slip hazard. A replacement gate, with flagstone paving, is proposed as detailed on the attached drawing. Please note that the Orkney flagstone paving is only proposed for the carpark entrance due to the higher level of wear experienced there, and the flags would only require the removal of turf with no foundations.

World Heritage Site issues:

The Stones of Stenness is one of the four monuments that comprise the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site.

The works comply with the following objectives of the World Heritage Site Management Plan:

AIM TWO Promote awareness and understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value to local, regional, national and global audiences by improving intellectual, social and physical accessibility.

Action 2.1.6 Identify small-scale works to enhance access across WHS

**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.

<b>Name</b>	Stephen Watt	<b>Date</b>	04/12/2015
<b>On behalf of</b>	Historic Environment Scotland		
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