

**Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979**

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**1 Applicant name and address**

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<b>Company / Organisation</b>	The National Trust for Scotland				
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<b>County / Region</b>	Aberdeenshire				
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**2 Monument to which application applies**

<b>Index no</b>	854	<b>Name</b>	Falkland Palace		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Fife Council	<b>Grid Ref</b>	NO 253 074		
<b>Description of location of land</b>					

**3 Pre-application discussions**

<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"/>
Discussion with Deirdre Cameron, Senior Heritage Management Officer.		

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

Dendrochronological sampling of roof timbers in Falkland Palace Stables.

**5 Description of proposed works**

The Stables adjoin the Royal Tennis Court, sharing the latter's west wall. Initial assessment for the dendrochronological sampling programme identified a great deal of original oak timberwork surviving within the roof structure, some of which appears to retain the waney edge. The roof structure consists of 45 A-frames with double collars, every fifth frame being a double A-frame. Only three of the lower collars survive but many of the upper collars survive, as do many of the rafter pairs. Apart from some clear 20<sup>th</sup>-century renovation, there is no obvious evidence from the ground of more than one phase of construction.

The logistics of sampling in the roof space will be addressed with the use of a self-propelled scissor lift with an electric motor that can be used inside. The lift is small enough to fit within the stables entrance (2.5m high x 2.6m max width) and has a maximum working height of 7.8m which will give easy access to the roof, the lower collar of which lies 6m above the ground.

It is recommended that 10-12 timbers are sampled; this should be sufficient to identify whether there is more than one phase in the roof and to provide an exact felling date for its construction. Selection of samples will not be possible until we have gained access with the scissor lift.

Sampling will be by coring. This involves the removal of a core, 10mm in diameter, positioned so that as complete a ring-pattern is obtained as possible, ie from pith to outermost surviving rings. The cores will be taken using a power-assisted drill. Components for sampling will be selected on the basis of the following factors: presence of sapwood and bark edge, condition and size of the timber, and accessibility.

<b>6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)</b>				
No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Falkland Royal Tennis Court and Stables: elevations	10.020/02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Falkland Royal Tennis Court and Stables: floor plan	10.020/01	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Photograph of Stables roof structure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Falkland Royal Tennis Court and Stables: location plan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Extracts from NTS Project Outline for Falkland Palace Historic Building Survey		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6. Falkland Palace dendrochronological assessment			

**7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species**

**Will the proposed works affect any of the following:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<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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**8 Other information relevant to application**

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**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>	Shannon Fraser	<b>Date</b>	8 December 2015
<b>On behalf of</b>	The National Trust for Scotland		

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<b>Name of Agent</b>		<b>Tel No</b>	
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