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Our ref: AMH/5774/1/1
Our Case ID: 201506113

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Dear Sirs

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
The Scheduled Monument Consent (Notification of Applications) Direction 2015
Excavation of two trenches – SERF Project
Statutory Designation: Millhaugh, enclosures and other cropmarks 200m WSW of
Designation Reference: M5774

A scheduled monument consent application was received by us on 29 December 2015 for the excavation of two trenches which affects the scheduled monument **Millhaugh, enclosures and other cropmarks 200m WSW of**.

We are minded to grant scheduled monument consent for the works contained in the application. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the above Direction, we are notifying Scottish Ministers of our intention. Our reasons, which are set out in our Report on Handling, are:

The intervention should be viewed as works as set out in both Part 1 Section 2 of the AMAAA 1979 and under section 3.4 of SHEP. The works are in the form of destruction of part of the monument.

The application, which forms part of a long running research and training project, is more than the minimum necessary to conserve what is culturally significant of this monument.

This application is mostly compliant with SHEP 3.19, 3.20 and 3.22 in that there is a clear public benefit and that it is carefully considered, is based on good authority, sensitively designed and properly planned.

Two conditions are necessary to apply grant of scheduled monument consent covering the following topics: 1) notification of start dates and 2) the suitability and experience of the project staff.

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Condition 1 will be required to allow Historic Environment Scotland to monitor the excavation and ensure compliance with the research strategy, and condition 2 is to ensure that the supervisory staff are suitably experienced and qualified to carry to out the work.

All the information and details relevant to the application can be found on the decisions portal on our website using reference number **201506113**. The link to the portal is: http://portal.historic-scotland.gov.uk.

If you require any further assistance meantime, please contact Rory Mcdonald.

Yours failthfully

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