

## Case information

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<b>Reference/Case ID</b>	201506817		
<b>Scheduled Monument</b>	Caledonian Canal, Laggan Locks		
<b>Index no</b>	M5295	<b>Grid Ref</b>	NN285961 228500.0000 796100.0000
<b>Date of Application</b>	29 January 2016	<b>Application Received</b>	29 January 2016
<b>Summary of proposed works</b>	Installation of two stone indents on the south side of the bottom lock at Laggan Locks.		

### 1. Summary recommendation

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This report recommends approval for the installation of two stone indents on the south side of the bottom lock at Laggan Locks.

### 2. Background

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The Caledonian Canal which was designed by Thomas Telford and built between 1803 and 1822. It was then and remains today, the single largest construction work in the Highlands.

The applicant engaged with pre-application discussions about the proposals.

### 3. Proposals

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The works comprise the installation of two red sandstone stone indents on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> courses in order to stabilise the canal wall and prevent further water ingress.

### 4. Representations received

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No representations were received.

### 5. Report

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#### 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.

3.20. Where change is proposed, it should be carefully considered, based on good authority, sensitively designed, properly planned and executed, and where appropriate in the context of an individual monument, reversible.

**b) Assessment**

The monument is a working, industrial canal and the proposed works are not considered to have a significant impact on its cultural significance. The works involve the like for like replacement of stone, fixed in with stainless steel dowels and lime mortar pointing.

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

There will not be an impact on Protected Species and Places.

**d) Conclusion**

The proposed works are compliant with Section 3.16 of the SHEP in that they are the minimum level of intervention that is consistent with conserving what is culturally significant in the monument.

Therefore, given the nature of the monument and the minimal level of anticipated impact, the proposed works are considered to be acceptable in policy terms.

However, as there are no proposals to provide HES with a photographic record of the works, a related condition has been recommended.

**6. Recommended decision**

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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 therefore recommend consent is **granted, subject to the conditions detailed below.**

**7. Conditions**

1. Two weeks after completion of the works, the applicant will provide photographs of the affected areas, before, during and after the work, to Historic Environment Scotland.

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

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**8. Approval**

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<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nicola Hall</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>22/02/2016</b>
<b>Approved by</b>	<b>John Raven</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>22/02/2016</b>

## **Annex A – list of supporting documents**

Top view map of site  
Top view map of area  
Photo of damaged area  
Method statement