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e-Application for Scheduled Monument Clearance
Contact Details Sheet

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

This application form is for scheduled monument clearance. You should only complete this form if you are a Crown body (a government department or agency). If you are not, you should complete a scheduled monument consent application form.

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 (scheduledmonumentconsent@hes.scot) or by post to Heritage Management Business Support, Historic Environment Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH.

1 Applicant name and address

Title	Mr	**First Name**	James	**Surname**	Robins
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Building No / Name	Forest District Office				
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Town / City	Dumfries				
County / Region	Dumfriesshire				
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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM2475	**Name**	Little Clyde, Roman Camp
Local Authority	South Lanarkshire	**Grid Ref**	NS 994 159
Description of location of land	Located on north side of A74(M) motorway just north of Beattock Summit.		

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	**Y** ☐ **N** ☒

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Fell and remove trees from area adjacent to roman camp and within SAM designation.

5 Description of proposed works

We are planning to fell an area of trees surrounding an overhead power line and two underground gas/ethylene pipes. Part of the area of trees (hatched red on attached map) falls within the SAM designation for the nearby Little Clyde Roman Camp and so we seek permission to remove the trees from the area. On the ground it appears that the earthworks for the camp boundary are further to the east (away from the tree line slightly into the open field) however the legal SAM designation extends

into the forest area by approximately 30 metres. It is unclear whether the monument itself actually extends as far as the designation so we would seek clarification from HS on this to inform our plans. Depending on the decision from HS we will either:

A: If we are permitted to use machinery on the area of the SAM designation that is within the tree line (shown hatched red on attached map) then we will harvest and extract the timber in the normal way using purpose-build harvester and forwarder machinery (e.g. John Deere 1270 harvester and John Deere 1510 Forwarder). Trees will be felled within the tree line so there will be no disruption to the area of open ground adjacent to it where the earthworks appear to lie, it should be noted that allowing the use of machinery to fell these trees reduces the chance of anything going the 'wrong' way out towards the open ground & the monument site. The use of 'brash' mats will reduce ground impact and reduce the risk of compaction or damage.

B: If we are not permitted to use machinery within the SAM designation we will need to fell trees in a westerly direction out towards machines sitting outwith the exclusion zone, the harvester can then reach in and pull them out to be processed/extracted. This will likely also require the use of a winch to pull some trees out manually as they will not all be tall enough to be reached from outwith the SAM designation, it should also be noted that prevailing winds will make this a difficult task to achieve through manual chainsaw felling means and that this method presents more risk of trees going out towards the open ground & monument.

Our preferred method is A, both for ease/speed and also for reduced risk to both persons (less manual felling) and the monument site. If this is not possible then a 'half-way-house' may be an option whereby we enter the SAM area with machinery but only to the extent that is necessary to allow us to reach trees that have been hand-felled out towards the safe zone. In practice this will limit the machinery intrusion into the designated area to a thin corridoor approximately 10 - 15 metres in from the western edge - this will reduce the risk of damage as it keeps the direct impact as far away from the monment site as possible, however the risk of falling trees remains.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Map of planned works	Map 1	☒	☐
2.			☐	☐
3.			☐	☐
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5.			☐	☐

7 Other information relevant to application

We have another application (applied for under SM Consent) for crossing the Roman Road further to the west of the area covered by this application. This was approved early 2015 (Case ID 201406313) and the work will be carried out by the same team as this one, as part of the same overhead powerline tree clearance operation.

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8 Declaration

☒ I hereby apply for scheduled monument clearance 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	James Robins	**Date**	23/3/16
On behalf of	Forestry Commission Scotland		

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

Name of Agent		**Tel No**	
Address			
		Post Code	

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