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) 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**	Adam	**Surname**	Smith
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Building No / Name	Millgrane				
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County / Region	Dumfries and Galloway				
Postcode	DG8 0EF				

2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM12706	**Name**	Saddle Yoke
Local Authority	Dumfries and Galloway	**Grid Ref**	NT 154105
Description of location of land			

3 Pre-application discussions

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

E-mail discussion with R Heawood, J Raven and J Malcolm (22.02.16 - 15.03.16). HES advised preparation of WSI and watching brief.

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Replacement of 2 electricity poles and 1 pole stay on an existing overhead power line.

5 Description of proposed works

The proposed work is essential for the maintenance and operation of an existing power line. For operational reasons (discussed with HES) it is not possible to replace the poles outwith the area of the Scheduled Ancient Monument. The work will take place in ground that has been disturbed previously (during the erection of the existing poles and stays). The existing poles (nos. 10700710 and 10700711 on location plan) will be lifted vertically by mechanical excavator, the post sockets cleaned, examined and recorded archaeologically and the new poles erected in the same hole; the excavation will 2.1m x 2.1m x up to 2.1m deep. Replacement of the existing stay (for pole no. 10700711 on location plan) will require the machine excavation of an area 2.1m x 2.1m x up to 1.8m

deep; these excavations will also be monitored and recorded by an archaeologist. The archaeologist will be on site at the start of operations to advise on the presence/absence of any upstanding features in the vicinity of the works and where appropriate will mark these with canes and tapes. The archaeologist will also advise on associated plant movements and provide guidance on routes of access and working areas to ensure there is no damage to upstanding remains (including if plant is moving between the two poles) when the archaeologist is not on site The archaeologist will also provide advice to the relevant main contract staff on avoiding inadvertent damage to sub-surface remains through rutting. To minimise potential ground disturbance machine excavation will be with a low pressure ground digger. At the completion of work the ground will be reinstated to its current form and any canes and tape used to mark out archaeological features will be removed. A date has not yet been set for the proposed works but HES will be notified once a date has been agreed and will also be notified in advance of any change to the time–table.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Location map		☒	☐
2.	Owner's consent letter		☒	☐
3.	Archaeological WSI		☒	☐
4.	Method statement		☒	☐
5.			☐	☐

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

Yes	No	
☒	☐	Site of Special Scientific Interest
☐	☐	Special Protection Areas
☒	☐	Special Areas of Conservation
☐	☐	European Protected Species

If Yes, please give details below

Site lies in Moffat Hills SSSI and Moffat Hills SAC.

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.

Name	Adam Smith	**Date**	04/04/16
On behalf of	SPIE		

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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