

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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1 Applicant name and address

Title	Dr	First Name	Oliver	Surname	O'Grady
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Town / City	Perth				
County / Region	Perth and Kinross				
Postcode	PH13RX				

2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM11013	Name	Chancefield Trenches
Local Authority	Fife	Grid Ref	NT175958
Description of location of land	The site is located within a triangular fenced enclosure (previously site of a tree plantation) c.0.75km WNW of The Stables, Falkland Estate (Falkland, Fife, KY15 7AF).		

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	Y ☒ N ☐
Initial email contact was made with Rory McDonald (Senior Heritage Management Officer / case officer) on 12 th January 2016. Subsequent pre-application discussions took place by email and phone between January and March. A detailed pre-application discussion was undertaken over the phone with Rory Macdonald (case officer) on 24 th March 2016. A site visit was offered to the case officer in January and to Dr George Findlater (Heritage Management Team Leader, Ancient Monuments) by email on 24 th March 2016 and by phone message on 4 April 2016.	

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Works will involve an archaeological excavation as part of a conservation programme to improve public understanding of the monument and the it's long-term care.
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5 Description of proposed works

It is proposed to open a single trench (A) at the north side of the scheduled area across one of the reduced gullies and its junction with another gully. Excavation trench A will be 2m x 12m (see Plan A and WSI). This area is targeted to answer specific research questions about the make-up of the site, its development and possible function as a medieval deer trap, which are informed by previous historical research and a geophysical survey in the environs (see Research Design). All works will be undertaken and supervised by a professional archaeologist assisted by a small team of volunteers in subsidiary roles. The excavations will also afford local communities and public visitors the opportunity to engage with and learn about the site's archaeology and history as part of an outreach event. The excavations will form part of the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership archaeology projects, a HLF and Historic Environment Scotland funded landscape conservation programme, which is considering future plans to undertake conservation in the form of more vegetation removal at the Trenches. It is intended that the potential impact on the monument caused by the excavations will be balanced by gains in new nationally important information about the monument's cultural significance and improvements in the long-term care of the monument as part of the broader conservation effort, by raising public awareness and interpretation of the findings. No excavations are proposed in the better preserved parts of the site in order to ensure these are preserved and the historic character of the site maintained. Further information about the aims, objectives and methodology of the proposed works can be found in the documents accompanying this application.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Plan of the Trenches showing the location of proposed excavation trench A.	Plan A	☒	☐
2.	Project Research Design	Document A	☒	☐
3.	Written Scheme of Investigation	Document B	☒	☐
4.	Project Financial Description	Document C	☒	☐
5.			☐	☐

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

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

If Yes, please give details below

Proposed work area is within the designated 'House of Falkland' 18th-20th-century Garden and Designed Landscape (Index No. GDL00214).

8 Other information relevant to application

CVs are also enclosed for the applicant as excavation director and site assistant Kevin Malloy (Documents Da and Db).

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 Dr Oliver O'Grady

Date 08/04/2016

On behalf of OJT Heritage/ Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership

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

Name of Agent n/a

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