Case information

Reference/Case ID	201507799

Scheduled Monument	Eyemouth Fort		
Index no	M3190	**Grid Ref**	NT943649 394300.0000 664900.0000

Date of Application	11 March 2016	**Application Received**	11 March 2016
Summary of proposed works	The installation of a stone cairn with an interpretation board.		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends approval for the installation of a stone cairn with an interpretation board.

2. Background

The monument comprises a fort which was built in 1547 for Protector Somerset by Sir Richard Lee, who later designed the fortifications at Berwick-on-Tweed. It was re-fortified by the French in 1557, when a long curtain wall and a ditch with bastions at either end were built. The fort occupies a high promontory above the town of Eyemouth.

The applicant engaged in pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland about the proposal. The present application accords with these discussions.

3. Proposals

Consented works - installation of a stone cairn with an interpretation board.

The proposals comprise the installation of a stone cairn with an angled fascia which will incorporate an interpretation board.

4. Representations received

No representations were received.

5. Report

a) Policy considerations

The application should be viewed with the following legislative and policy considerations in mind:

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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

There will be an impact on the historic fabric of the monument from the proposed stone cairn as it involves some ground disturbance in order to remove 200mm of turf. However, this impact is not considered to be significant as the position of the cairn on the hardcore path has been chosen so as to minimise this impact. The position of the cairn has also been carefully considered so that the impact on the setting of the cairn is not significantly adverse.

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

None.

d) Conclusion

The proposed works are compliant with Section 3.16 of the SHEP in that they are the minimum level of intervention consistent with conserving what is culturally significant in the monument. The works have also been carefully considered in order to mitigate any impacts, and are therefore equally compliant with Section 3.20 of SHEP. However as no intention to supply Historic Environment Scotland with a photographic record is included with the application, an appropriate condition has been recommended.

6. Recommended decision

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

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1. Two weeks after completion of the works, the applicant will provide photographs of the completed works to Historic Environment Scotland.

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

8. Approval

Officer	**Nicola Hall**	**Date**	**18/04/2016**
Approved by	**George Findlater**	**Date**	**18/04/2016**

Annex A – list of supporting documents

Map showing position of cairn (001)
Drawing of dimensions of cairn (002)
Photo showing actual position of cairn (003)

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