

Scheduled Monument Consent Report on Handling



HISTORIC
ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND

ÀRAINNEACHD
EACHDRAIDHEIL
ALBA

Case information

Reference/Case ID	201508201		
Scheduled Monument	Forth and Clyde Canal: Glasgow Branch		
Index no	M6771	Grid Ref	NS571689 257100.0000 668900.0000
Date of Application	01 April 2016	Application Received	01 April 2016
Summary of proposed works	The construction of a new pedestrian path connecting to the existing canal towpath at Rodney Street.		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends approval without conditions.

2. Background

The monument is of national importance because it is an integral part of the Forth and Clyde Canal, which is an excellent example of Georgian civil engineering. It was the first of Scotland's great inland waterways to be constructed (between 1768 and 1790).

This section of the monument is approximately 5 km and runs from Stockingfield on the north to Speir's Wharf on the south. The monument also includes several aqueducts and other canal structures.

The proposals have been subject to pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

3. Proposals

The works comprise a new pedestrian route constructed in tarmac through the site being developed at Rodney Street. The material to be used includes dense bitumen macadam, sitting above a layer of type 1 stone sub-base and foundation and compacted fill. The proposed works also include the small opening of a wall between the community garden side and the canal side in order to facilitate access to the canal, and the installation of a galvanised steel tubular handrail.



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:

Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act (1979):

Part 1 Section 2: Control of works affecting an ancient monument.

The Scottish Historic Environment Policy (2011):

3.4. Scheduled monument consent is required for any works that would demolish, destroy, damage, remove, repair, alter or add to the monument or to carry out any flooding or tipping on the monument. It is a criminal offence to carry out any of these works without consent.

3.14. Scottish Ministers include a monument in the Schedule to secure the long-term legal protection of the monument in the national interest, in situ and as far as possible in the state it has come down to us. Scheduled monuments have an intrinsic value as monuments, not related to any concept of active use. It is the value of the monument to the nation's heritage, in terms set out in the section on Scheduling in Chapter 2 of SHEP that is the primary consideration in determining applications for scheduled monument consent.

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.

3.17. As each monument will require treatment specific to its individual nature, characteristics, significance and needs, any proposed change to it must be fully and explicitly justified.

3.18. Scheduled monument consent applications must be considered in terms of the cultural significance of the monument and the impact that the proposals would have upon this cultural significance. The more important particular features of the



monument are to its cultural significance, the greater will be the case against interventions which modify these features.

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 proposals would involve works to create a new pedestrian path which would provide a link to the existing canal towpath. They would include a degree of ground disturbance to a depth of approximately 1m, however as this would be within an area which has already been subject to previous disturbance, the potential impact on historic fabric would be minimal.

The proposals also include the opening of a brick wall to a width of approximately 1.4m. However, this wall is a modern 1980's structure and the works to create the opening have been carefully considered and the majority of the wall will be retained.

The works would therefore not be likely to affect any remaining archaeologically significant remains. Although the path will be raised, this would not materially alter the appearance of the monument. Therefore, the proposal would have a minimal effect on the monument's cultural significance. The works may have added on public benefits in helping to improve public access along the monument.

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

None.

d) Conclusion

As there would be a minimal impact on the cultural significance of the monument, the proposals accord with Sections 3.16 and 3.18 of the SHEP.

The proposed works would also improve public access along the monument.

6. Recommended decision

The works proposed are considered acceptable in meeting the terms of national policy for scheduled monuments, and also accounting for the other material considerations.

I therefore recommend consent is **granted without conditions**.

Scheduled Monument Consent Report on Handling



HISTORIC
ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND

ÀRAINNEACHD
EACHDRAIDHEIL
ALBA

7. Conditions

None

8. Approval

Officer	Nicola Hall	Date	24/05/2016
Approved by	John Raven	Date	25/05/2016

Annex A – list of supporting documents

Site Plan AL (00) 02B
Details 8904-02B
Canal Link Path AA (90) 01A