

## Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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### 1 Applicant name and address

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### 2 Monument to which application applies

<b>Index no</b>	667	<b>Name</b>	Burnswark or Birrenswark Hill, fort & Roman camps		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	<b>Grid Ref</b>	Centred NY 1860 7870		
<b>Description of location of land</b>	Hoddum Parish; 5km SE of Lockerbie				

### 3 Pre-application discussions

<b>Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)</b>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Email and telephone discussions with John Malcolm, meeting with Dr Simon Stronach.		

### 4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Targeted small-scale excavation to confirm the signals recorded by metal-detecting survey in both flanking Roman camps.

### 5 Description of proposed works

To date there has been no evidence uncovered to determine whether the two Roman camps at Burnswark are contemporary. The proposals for 2016 are to extend the techniques successfully used on the hill fort in 2015 into the two camps. It is proposed to finish the systematic detecting survey, covering the lower slopes of the west side of the hill, and a wedge of undetected ground to the north and east of the South Camp.

Scheduled monument consent is sought for the archaeological excavation of three small trenches to

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be undertaken to confirm the nature of the signals recorded by the detecting survey, and to establish the presence of sling bullets in both of the flanking Roman camps. This would enable us to explore the stratigraphic location of the signals and to correlate finds to those from previous works.

The first trench, 5m by 2m, is proposed to be in the northern corner of the North Camp where a distinct cluster of readings was a notable result from the 2015 survey, to verify the readings and test the relationship of the objects uncovered to the stratigraphic sequence within the interior of the camp.

The second trench, 10m by 1.5m in the South Camp, behind the central portion of the north rampart, to confirm the detected presence of sling bullets there and to test the deposits comprising the ramparts, to locate the buried former ground surface and to test for the presence or absence of an intra-mural road.

A third trench, 6m by 4m, also on the back of the central portion of the north rampart of the South Camp to examine a cluster of non-lead readings. This will allow the mid-range of detecting signals to be ground-truthed, allowing a better interpretation of the numerous other signals recorded during previous surveys, and to establish the survival, condition and conservation status of the non-lead finds from the site.

<b>6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)</b>				
No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	2016 Project Design		✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Letters of Support (3 of)		✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	2016 Written Scheme of Investigation		✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species</b>				
<b>Will the proposed works affect any of the following:</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Site of Special Scientific Interest		
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Special Protection Areas		
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Special Areas of Conservation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	European Protected Species		
<b>If Yes, please give details below</b>				
Consultation with Dumfries and Galloway Council Biodiversity Officer confirmed no impact on any of the above. Also noted the absence of any recorded otters in the upper reaches of the burns				

flowing off the hill and that there would be no disturbance of breeding birds.

## 8 Other information relevant to application

There is funding in place to cover the project, from the Heritage Lottery Fund and with a grant from the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society.

## 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.

<b>Name</b>	Andrew Nicholson	<b>Date</b>	5 July 2016
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<b>On behalf of</b>	The Burnswark Project
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