Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
Scheduled Monument Consent Decision Notice

Case ID	**201602377**	**Index No**	**M9440**
Scheduled Monument	**Moredun Top, fort**		
Location/Address	**Perth and Kinross**		
Proposed Works	**Archaeological excavation**		

Historic Environment Scotland hereby **grants** scheduled monument consent for the works detailed below, subject to the attached conditions.

Consented Works:

a) Excavation of Moredun Top hillfort

as described in your application dated 28 July and the following supporting documents:

1) Moredun Top Hillfort, Moncreiffe Hill, Perth, Project Design 2016-17
2) Moredun Top - Figure 12 Trench locations
3) Moredun Top - Figure 13 – Revised
4) Trench_plan_moredun_top (in relation to the scheduled area)

Conditions referred to above

1. When excavating complex or significant archaeological structures or deposits the ratio of skilled supervisors to volunteers should never be greater than 1:3.

   Reason: to ensure that any impacts on archaeological structures and deposits are appropriately controlled and monitored and that discoveries made during excavation are recorded adequately.

2. After the removal of topsoil and overburden from trench A and C, no significant archaeological deposits shall be excavated until Historic Environment Scotland has approved an excavation strategy in writing.

   Reason: to ensure that any impacts on archaeological structures and deposits are minimised and that any significant discoveries that are made during excavation are recorded adequately and can be dealt with appropriately in the defined timescale.

3. If significant archaeological or palaeoenvironmental deposits are located, the analysis of which is likely to over-extend the resources of the project, they must not be disturbed without further consultation and the prior written agreement of Historic Environment Scotland.

Reason: to ensure that any impacts on archaeological structures and deposits are minimised and that any significant discoveries that are made during excavation are recorded adequately and can be dealt with appropriately in the defined timescale.

4. Within three months of each season's work being completed on site a copy of the Data Structure Report shall be submitted for approval by Historic Environment Scotland.

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

5. Within six months of the works finishing on site for the last season a copy of the Post Excavation Research Design shall be submitted for approval by Historic Environment Scotland.

   Reason: to ensure that an adequate and accurate record of works to the monument is maintained and that the results are widely disseminated.

Reasons for the 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.

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