

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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1 Applicant name and address

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Street	Broadmeadow Industrial Estate				
Town / City	Dumbarton				
County / Region	West Dunbartonshire				
Postcode	G82 2RH				

2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM7070	Name	Golden Hill Park Roman fort, annexe and bathhouse		
Local Authority	West Dunbartonshire	Grid Ref	NS 49464 72744		
Description of location of land	Within Goldenhill Park on summit surrounding fort and annexe as well as NW facing slope falling towards Duntocher Burn and Roman Bridge				

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>A range of discussions, meetings, site inspection and document exchanges have been undertaken with Richard Heawood and Simon Stronach (Historic Environment Scotland) to inform the design of the works to support the proposed access improvements at Goldenhill Park to ensure they are compatible with the importance of the World Heritage Site.</p>		

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Archaeological investigative works to support the design of improved access within the park.

5 Description of proposed works

Goldenhill Park is a public park that overlies a portion of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site that is a scheduled monument. Greenspace (West Dunbartonshire Council) who have responsibility for the management of the park has recognised a series of issues with the public space that need to be address to sustain the medium to long term use by the community while safeguarding and presenting the internationally significant heritage.

Specifically, Greenspace have identified:

- i. paths that are degraded, of poor composition and breadth so that they fail a reasonable test of their suitability as paths that are accessible to all;
- ii. paths that incorporate inappropriate structures (such as steps) so that they fail a reasonable test of their suitability as paths that are accessible to all;
- iii. path lips that force paths to act as channels for overground flows of water (particularly on the NW facing slope) leading to erosive scour within the line of the path making them unsafe and challenging to maintain;
- iv. defunct path and play areas that are not required;
- v. planted features that are disruptive to the appreciation/interpretation of the linearity of the Antonine Wall;
- v. setting enhancements that could be delivered by new woodland creation (outwith SM);
- vi. inadequate seating and signage; and
- vii. a possible spring or broken field drain that is discharging water to the detriment of the park and path network.

Our Project will seek to investigate locations around the park (focused on the issues laid out above) to inform the design of a subsequent submission to Historic Environment Scotland for the improvement works - where these have the potential to adversely impact on the archaeological strata. These locations will be investigated through a series of eight test pits that have been designed to capture information about subsurface conditions to inform the iterative design of the proposed improvement works:

These investigative works are essential to ensure that the proposed improvement works can be designed with a sufficient information base to evidence their potential impact on the historic environment.

We have designed our Project to be compliant with the principles set out in the Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site. Specifically the avoidance of adverse physical impacts on the monument, the conservation of the cultural significance of the monument and the promotion of public benefit from the monument.

6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)				
No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Location Plan	15109LPAccess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Archaeological Method Statement	15109MSAccess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Protection Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Areas of Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | European Protected Species |

If Yes, please give details below

8 Other information relevant to application

The archaeological works will be undertaken by Rathmell Archaeology Ltd who are acting as our agents for this SMC application (www.rathmell-arch.co.uk).

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	Donald Petrie	Date	29/09/16
On behalf of	West Dunbartonshire Council		
Where an application is being dealt with by an agent to whom correspondence should be sent, state the:-			
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