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

Index no	SM6440	**Name**	Cammo Canal
Local Authority	City of Edinburgh Council	**Grid Ref**	NT 173 746
Description of location of land	The monument comprises the remains of an ornamental canal lying in the designed landscape associated with Cammo House. It lies in the grounds of Cammo Estate, SW of Cammo House, Edinburgh.		

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	**Y** ☒ **N** ☐

Site meeting undertaken with Deirdre Cameron (Senior Heritage Management Officer, HES) and colleague mid July 2016. City of Edinburgh Council Archaeologist John Lawson also in attendance. Discussion took place regarding methodology and what could be expected to be encountered in terms of the makeup of the canal bed and that this should be established through investigation. This could take the form of trial pits or sample cores which would reveal the depth of the current silt layer and the survival (or otherwise) of any archaeological deposits.

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Improve Cammo Canal through silt/tree debris removal and clearance of selected poor conditioned / self seeded trees within 5m of canal edges.

5 Description of proposed works

City of Edinburgh Council wishes to drain and remove silt/debris from Cammo Canal to improve its value as a wildlife habitat as it has become so clogged with debris and silt that the environment has become too degraded to support previously abundant species.

The water level has been dropping since mid July 2016 and a gouge auger survey was undertaken of the canal bed on the 11th of August 2016 by Headland Archaeology (report attached) to determine canal bed makeup and depth of silt. The survey was to undertake 3 auger points of the canal bed equidistantly The depth and thickness of the deposit was recorded at each location and the auger points were levelled through survey in the field, with a differential GPS used to record their position. The results indicate a depth of between 0.6 -0.74m silt and other debris sitting on top of a compacted fine particle substrate. These depths should be used as a guide when extracting material and once reached a recommendation of a watching brief requirement to ensure the canal bed is not damaged has been made.

It is proposed to ramp an access point on the NW bank with type 1 hardcore to allow a small tracked excavator and tracked dumper to enter the canal and remove silt and other debris. This material will be spread out in an adjacent field and left to rot down naturally. Whilst this activity is taking place, any stone associated with the canal walls will be recovered and placed on the bank above the location where any wall failure has occurred (as recommended in gouge auger survey report). All type 1 hardcore will be removed once works complete. Wall condition will be recorded and documented through photos whilst water level is low.

A further enhancement to the feature will be the removal of small diameter trees within 5m of the canal edges over its whole length. See attached spreadsheet for specific tree information. As Cammo Estate is wholly covered by a Tree Preservation Order, an application has been made to Arboricultural Officers within City of Edinburgh Council Planning Department to consent to works. All arisings from tree works will form woodchip paths and/or habitat creation.

6 List of plans, drawings and other documents accompanying application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Headland Archaeology auger survey Cammo Canal Aug 2016 survey	1	☒	☐
2.	Cammo Canal tree works 2016	2	☒	☐
3.	Auger point photos	3	☒	☐
4.	Auger points within canal	4	☒	☐
5.			☐	☐

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:
Yes No

☐	☒	Site of Special Scientific Interest
☐	☒	Special Protection Areas
☐	☒	Special Areas of Conservation
☐	☒	European Protected Species

If Yes, please give details below

8 Other information relevant to application

Works to be undertaken by Glendinning Groundwork, a skilled heavy plant operator. Tree works are to be undertaken by City of Edinburgh Council Forestry and Natural Heritage Department.

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	David Kyles	**Date**	30/08/2016
On behalf of	City of Edinburgh Council		

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