

**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>	SM1115	<b>Name</b>	Buittle Castle		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	<b>Grid Ref</b>	NX 819 616		
<b>Description of location of land</b>	The land lies to the west side of the Water of Urr, west of Dalbeattie, north of the A711.				

**3 Pre-application discussions**

<b>Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)</b>	<b>Y</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>N</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail and telephone discussion with Simon Stronach (10.08.16 - 24.08.16). HES advised preparation of WSI, method statement and watching brief.		

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

Removal of two small pre-war lattice towers from concrete bases and removal from site.

**5 Description of proposed works**

The proposed work is essential for maintaining compliance with health and safety regulations in regards to the decommissioning of electrical utility line infrastructure. The existing towers have been replaced under line modernisation activities that were carried out in 2014 that are outside the scheduled monument. The two towers are located at grid references NX 81837 61623 and NX 81912 61679. A 4x4 low ground pressure vehicle with a cherry picker or mobile elevating work platform (MEWP) will be used to access and remove the porcelain insulator pins, this will prevent them from

falling and shattering during lowering of the towers. The towers will be cut as close to the concrete bases as possible on one side and will be lowered down onto straw bale mats to prevent the tower penetrating the ground surface. The remaining side will then be cut, and the tower will be completely free of the concrete base. The towers will then be cut into small pieces that can be gathered and transported off site using an excavator with low ground pressure tracks. A small amount of manual excavations using a shovel may be made around the concrete base of the tower within 0.2m to allow the mechanical pecker to gain access if deemed necessary. The concrete blocks will be reduced in height to a level of up to 600mm below ground level, but will not break out of the bottom of the concrete base, the rubble will then be removed and transported off site using the excavator. During this time an archaeological watching brief will be carried out to observe, identify and record archaeological features the are exposed and to record changes in the geological conditions. After the rubble has been removed, the ground will be reinstated using topsoil and seeded with grass seed. The archaeologist will be on site at the start of operations to advise on the presence/absence of any upstanding features in the vicinity of the works and where appropriate will mark these with canes and tapes. The archaeologist will also advise on associated plant movements and provide guidance on routes of access and working areas to ensure there is no damage to upstanding remains (including if plant is moving between the two towers) when the archaeologist is not on site. The archaeologist will also provide advice to the relevant main contract staff on avoiding inadvertent damage to sub-surface remains through quadbike movement. To minimise potential ground disturbance bog mats or ply boarding will be used within the scheduled area. At the completion of work the ground will be reinstated to its current form and any canes and tape used to mark out archaeological features will be removed. At present no date has been set for the works to take place, but will likely to take place before November to allow the grass seed to take hold, HES will be kept informed when a date is proposed. Works are intended to last two days at maximum.

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 map		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Owner's consent letter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Buittle Castle WSI Sept 2016		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Method statement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Job Sheet		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species		
<b>Will the proposed works affect any of the following:</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<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**

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**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>	Adam Smith	<b>Date</b>	12/10/16
<b>On behalf of</b>	SPIE		

Where an application is being dealt with by an agent to whom correspondence should be sent, state the:-

<b>Name of Agent</b>		<b>Tel No</b>	
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