

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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1 Applicant name and address

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County / Region	Dumfries and Galloway				
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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM11055	Name	Wigtown Castle
Local Authority	Dumfries and Galloway	Grid Ref	NX 437 550
Description of location of land	Wigton Castle lies within a permanent grassland grazing pasture to the east of Wigtown, north of Wigtown Harbour and Station Road.		

3 Pre-application discussions

Have you undertaken pre-application discussions with Historic Environment Scotland? (If yes, please give details below)	Y ☒ N ☐
Email discussion with Kevin Grant and Simon Stronach, Senior Heritage Management Officer of HES, plus a site meeting with Martin Brann, Field Officer for HES.	

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Recovery (removal) of 3 electricity poles from two overhead line circuits passing through Wigtown Castle Scheduled Monument.
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5 Description of proposed works

The works proposed are part of the rebuild of two electrical circuits; Newton Stewart to Sorbie 33kV SP66021 and Newton Stewart to Wigtown 11kV SP68412. The route taken by the new circuits will be different to the current route and will bypass Wigtown Castle Scheduled Monument. The three poles from these two circuits will be removed from the Scheduled Monument in order to return the state of the land to the conditions it was found in prior to the erection of the electricity circuit. We feel that this would improve the setting of the scheduled monument to a more natural state, and would remove the

need for future works within Wigtown Castle.

Works will be within an area previously disturbed by the original erection of the existing poles for the two circuits. Access will be taken to the pole along several taped cane markers to ensure minimal disturbance to the site. The existing poles, no. 81077635 and 11520532 (from Newton Stewart to Sorbie 33kV SP66021 circuit), and 10814116 (from Newton Stewart to Wigtown 11kV SP68412) on the plan will be carefully lifted vertically out of the ground and sockets by a 7.5-ton mechanical excavator with low ground pressure tracks. This will be achieved by attaching a chain around the pole to the bucket of the excavator, tightening the chain and lifting the pole vertically, this will ensure that the ground will not be disturbed during the course of works. No excavations are proposed for the site. The resultant 0.3m diameter post socket holes will be backfilled using locally sourced soil obtained outside of the scheduled monument, and then seeded with grass seed. On backfilling of the hole the ground will be reinstated to it's current state (slope, height) by hand and the flat side of the excavator bucket, and any canes and markers used to mark access routes will be removed. It is unlikely that all three poles will be removed at the same time. It is envisaged that poles will be removed from one circuit, and then the other circuit at a later date due to the scheduling of the erection of the rest of the line. No date has been set for the proposed works, but HES will be notified one week in advance of the time that the works are due to take place when planned, or of any change to the time-table.

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 and Access Route		☒	☐
2.	Other Parties Notification Form		☒	☐
3.	Archaeological WSI		☒	☐
4.	Method Statement		☒	☐
5.	Job Sheet		☒	☐

7 Nature Conservation – Protected Places and Species

Will the proposed works affect any of the following:

Yes No

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| ☐ | ☒ | 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

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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.

Name	Adam Smith	Date	03/11/16
On behalf of	SPIE/Scottish Power		
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