

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

It is important that you read the accompanying guidance notes as incorrect completion will delay the processing of your application. You can complete and submit this form by email (hs.smc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or by post to Heritage Management Business Support, Historic Environment Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH.

1 Applicant name and address

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2 Monument to which application applies

Index no	SM2019	Name	High Drummore Motte
Local Authority	Dumfries and Galloway	Grid Ref	NX 129359
Description of location of land	Motte is located on eastern boundary of crop field, previously used by cattle. To the east of the motte lies permanent grassland pasture used for grazing purposes.		

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 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)

Replacement of 1 electricity pole and 2 pole stays including ground anchors on an existing overhead power line.

5 Description of proposed works

The works proposed are part of essential refurbishments to the supporting infrastructure (wooden pole and stays) of an existing powerline in order to maintain electrical resilience and health and safety standards. As discussed with HES, the pole cannot be placed outside of the scheduled monument, and due to the pole spurring off to nearby residential properties it cannot be moved to a less sensitive area within the monument. An initial archaeological survey conducted by John Pickin and David Devereux will take place prior to
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works, to determine the exact extent of the previously disturbed ground produced through the initial construction of the line. Shallow, hand-excavated linear slots from the pole and stays outwards will be made to define the edges of the previous disturbance. These will not extend beyond the disturbed ground. The boundary of the disturbed ground will be recorded and marked with pegs.

Following this initial survey, the findings shall be submitted to Historic Environment Scotland detailing the extent of the disturbed ground, for which HES shall be able to make comment and approve works. Works will not proceed until written approval from HES has been received.

During this time SPIE will also be sent details of the extent of previously disturbed ground to ensure they are informed of the need to keep works within these areas prior to the outage. Excavating the area of previously disturbed ground will ensure that existing infrastructure may be removed (including block if present) and will allow easy replacement of the pole.

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 appropriated will mark these with canes and tape. 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 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 rutting.

Works will be confined to an area determined by the findings from the initial archaeological survey, but shall not exceed 2.1m long x 2.1m wide x 2.1m deep maximum for the pole, and 2.1m long x 2.1m wide x 1.8m deep maximum for the stays, including ground anchors. The two stays are close together (approximately 0.5m) and therefore excavation holes will partially overlap, minimising disturbance. The existing pole, no. 10820916 on the plan will be lifted vertically by mechanical excavator, the post sockets cleaned, examined and recorded archaeologically and the new pole erected in the same hole. All excavations will be monitored by an archaeologist to identify and record archaeological features or changes in the geological conditions.

To minimise potential ground disturbance machine excavation will be with a low pressure ground digger. Once works have finished, the ground will be reinstated to it's current state (slope, height, etc.), and any canes and markers used to mark archaeological features will be removed.

No date has been set for the proposed works, however works are likely to take place before the end of the 2016. HES will be notified at the earliest opportunity when works are due to take place, or of any change to the time-table. Works are likely to take place over the course of one working day.

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.	SP UMV Map		☒	☐
3.	High Drummorie motte WSI Nov 2016		☒	☐
4.	Job Sheet		☒	☐
5.	Method Statement		☒	☐

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

The ground anchors of the two stays are also due to be replaced as discussed. This will allow minor adjustments to the stays and the angle of the pole to be made without the need for excavations in the future.

It is thought that it would be best for all parties if this work could be carried out before adverse winter weather conditions set in. In this regard, it would be advantageous if this application could be processed as soon as possible.

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	08/11/16
On behalf of	SPIE		
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