

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	90072	Name	Chesters Hill Fort		
Local Authority	East Lothian	Grid Ref	NT 507 782		
Description of location of land	The Hill Fort itself along with a strip of land bounding the south side of the scheduled area				

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>At previous Annual monument Audits we discussed backfilling of the exposed rabbit holes to prevent their continued use or re-use. Our colleagues in C&RT would prefer we hold off this action at present as they are considering a research archaeological dig on the site that would hopefully be able to inform how we go about this work, so the proposed works in this application are all non-invasive to the site but are an attempt or reduce the current damage being caused to the site by rabbits (see attached Erosion Survey of 2014).</p>		

4 Summary of proposed works (max 20 words)

Pest control works: gassing and shooting of rabbits residing on the site and installation of a rabbit-proof fence.
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5 Description of proposed works

The works comprise:

- 1) Gassing of the rabbits continuing to reside on the site (after the previous removal of all the gorse cover from the site). This will be carried out by a specialist pest control contractor and involve bringing onto site additional material, namely turf from off-site to temporarily block up holes while the gassing takes place. After gassing, and a night shoot to catch those rabbits fleeing the burrows, all the material that has been brought onto site will be removed from site together with the corpses of the dead shot rabbits. (It is unfeasible to remove the gassed carcasses in the rabbit burrows).
- 2) Erection of a post and wire rabbit-proof fence incorporating 2 no. field gates and 6 no. rabbit boxes (for details see attached drawing). The fence will sit outwith the Guardianship area and stretch from the existing fence on the east perimeter to a stone wall on the west perimeter.

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

No	Description	Reference	Document emailed	Document posted
1.	Chesters Hill Fort New Rabbit Fence	099-072-028RevC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	The Chesters, Drem, E Lothian - Erosion Survey	Rampart Scotland Project 002: Season 4; April 2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Chesters Fort WSI	Kirkdale Archaeology 27 Nov 2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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

n/a

8 Other information relevant to application

All ground excavation will be carried out either by archaeologists or under a watching archaeological brief.

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 Peter Ranson

Date 27 November 2016

On behalf of Conservation Directorate, Historic Environment Scotland

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

Name of Agent

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