



Case Information

Reference/Case ID	300018560		
Scheduled Monument	Edinburgh Castle		
Index no	SM90130	Grid ref	NT 24900 73400
Date application validated	10 October 2016		
Summary of proposed works	Overhaul of all timber box frame sash windows in Queen Anne Building, and installation of secondary glazing to first floor windows.		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends that approval for installation of secondary glazing in the Queen Ann Bulding, Edinburgh Castle, be granted.

2. Background

The monument is Edinburgh Castle. The Castle rock is designated as an Site of Special Scientific Interest for its internationally important geological features. In addition, the Castle forms a pivotal element in the Edinburgh Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

The monument comprises all the buildings and other structures, wells, fortifications, street furniture, historic plaques, roadways, yards, and other open spaces that form Edinburgh Castle and covers the entirety of the Castle including the rock and gardens.

The monument is of national importance because it is the major royal fortress in Scotland and contains the National War Memorial for Sctland, and houses the Stone of Destiny and the Royal Regalia of Scotland

The applicaiton related to the Queen Ann Building. It was built around 1710 and remodelled as a Military Museum around 1930. The application is for the overhaul of existing box sash windows, and installation of secondary glazing. It follows an appraisal of the site to meet Climate Change Targets under Historic Environment



Scotland's Climate Change Strategy. It has been submitted by HES Conservation Directorate.

The application is accompanied by a overview of the climate change works needed for this building along with detailed plans, including sections of the proposed secondary glazing.

HES Heritage Management Directorate has undertaken pre-application discussions with the applicant regarding the scope and timing of works, and this application accords with the outcome of those discussions.

3. Proposals

- Overhaul of timber box sash windows
- Insertion of secondary glazing

Consented works – Insertion of secondary glazing in Queen Anne Bulding, Edinburgh Castle

Aims – The works are proposed to meet Climate Change Targets under Historic Environment Scotland's Climate Change Strategy

Timetable – The works will be undertaken by March 2017

Personnel – The works will be carried out by HES Conservation Directorate's Squads.

4. Representations received

No third party representations were received.

5. Report

a) Policy considerations

The application should be considered with the following legislative and policy considerations in mind:

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Part 1 Section 2: Control of works affecting scheduled monuments.



Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement June 2016

3.16. Works on scheduled monuments should therefore normally be the minimum level of intervention that is consistent with conserving what is culturally significant in a monument.

3.18. Scheduled monument consent applications must be considered in terms of the cultural significance of the monument and the impact that the proposals would have upon this cultural significance. The more important particular features of the monument are to its cultural significance, the greater will be the case against interventions which modify these features.

3.20. Where change is proposed, it should be carefully considered, based on good authority, sensitively designed, properly planned and executed, and where appropriate in the context of an individual monument, reversible.

b) Assessment

The proposed works involve the insertion of aluminium framed secondary glazing on all windows in the building. This is intended to meet HES Climate Change targets as set out in its Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Overhaul of the existing windows does not fall under the requirement for scheduled monument consent.

The physical impact of the proposed works would be fixing of the aluminium frames in to the existing wooden surround using as few fixings points as possible. There would be minimal visual impact of the works when viewed from the outside.

The works would not affect the cultural significance of the monument.

The application has been accompanied by a detailed Project Design and plans that sets out a well-considered, appropriate and careful methodology.

c) Other material considerations, including impact of the works on Protected Species and Places

No impact on Protected Species and Places considered likely – see PP&S assessment.

d) Conclusion

The application should be viewed as works as set out in both Part 1 Section 2 of the AMAA Act 1979 and paragraph 3.4 of the policy statement.

The works, comprising insertion of secondary glazing, are being done to elements of the monument in such a way that they will have no impact on the cultural significance



of the monument. They do not, therefore, conflict with paragraphs 3.16 and 3.18 of the policy statement.

The application meets paragraph 3.20 because it has demonstrated that the works have been carefully considered, based on good authority, sensitively designed and properly planned.

Consequently, no conditions are considered necessary.

6. Recommended decision

The works proposed are considered acceptable in meeting the terms of national policy for scheduled monuments, and also accounting for other material considerations.

I recommend consent is **granted without conditions**.

7. Conditions

No conditions have been attached to this decision.

8. Approval

Case officer	George Findlater	Date	01 December 2016
Approved by	John Raven	Date	01 December 2016

Annex A – list of supporting documents

- 1) Queen Anne Building, Secondary Glazing, Location and Ground Floor Plan 130P082016-SMC001
- 2) Queen Anne Building, Secondary Glazing, First Floor Plan 130P082016-SMC002
- 3) Queen Anne Building, Secondary Glazing, Typical Window Detail 130P082016-SMC003
- 4) Queen Anne Building, Secondary Glazing, Section AA, Function Rm. 130P082016-SMC004
- 5) EC Queen Anne Building, Climate Change Works 2016 As title