



**Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
Scheduled Monument Consent Decision Notice**

Case ID	300018593	Index no	SM90288; SM90291
Scheduled Monument	Stirling, Royal Gardens including King's Knot; Stirling Castle		
Location/ Address	Stirling		
Proposed Works	Upgrading of an existing path through the Lower Back Walk at Stirling Castle and King's Knot		

Historic Environment Scotland hereby **grants** scheduled monument consent for the works detailed below, subject to the attached condition.

Consented Works:

- a) Section C-B (effectively trees 232/317 to B) - selective scraping and levelling of the existing path, followed by installation of 'Infraweb' sub-base onto existing path surface infilled with type 3 and topped by a porous 'Flexipave' surface. Isolated wall repairs using lime mortar. Installation of granite setts instead of 'Flexipave' at stone seat.
- b) Section B-b2 – new 'Flexipave' path surface laid directly on top of existing path surface up to the Butt Well crop of flagstones, where the flagstones will be left in place and the 'Flexipave' tapered to suit.
- c) Section B-1 - selective scraping and levelling of the existing path, followed by installation of 'Infraweb' sub-base onto existing path surface infilled with type 3 and topped by the 'Flexipave' surface between B and the Butt Well spring, and topped by a cold rolled asphalt/blacktop surface between the Butt Well spring and 1.
- d) Butt Well spring – temporary removal of cobble sets, followed by channelling of spring into drainage pipe beneath path, then reinstatement of cobbles.
- e) Section 1-A – localised widening of path to its east (ie into the scheduled area) through scraping back vegetation and loose soil to a maximum depth of 150mm (which is then if necessary formed into a bund), followed by the installation of a cold rolled asphalt/blacktop surface with a camber throwing water towards the scheduled area.
- f) Section 1-2 – annual scraping of vegetation on existing path surface to ensure sufficient path width is retained, with remedial drainage works to divert existing water channels into drainage pipe below path.

as described in your application which we validated on 14 October 2016 and the following supporting documents:

- 1) Bat survey report – Acorna Associates, dated October 2014



- 2) Ownership maps
- 3) Email from Fiona Melville to Oliver Lewis dated 23 November 2016 containing an updated methodology and consolidated survey and location maps – 'Lower Back Walk Path Upgrade Survey and Information Pack'.
- 4) Email from Claire Bird (Stirling Council Countryside Ranger) to Oliver Lewis dated 30 November 2016 regarding great crested newts.

Conditions referred to above

1. No work requiring scheduled monument consent shall take place within the scheduled area until the applicant has secured the initiation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigations (WSI)/project design and has had this WSI approved in writing by Historic Environment Scotland. This scheme of works shall be fully implemented during the course of the approved development.

Reason: to ensure that archaeological information is recovered and recorded to a satisfactory standard.

Reasons for the Decision:

Subject to compliance with the schedule of conditions, the works proposed are considered acceptable in meeting the terms of national policy for scheduled monuments, and also accounting for other material considerations.

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