



Case Information

Reference/Case ID	300019008		
Scheduled Monument	Edinburgh Castle		
Index no	SM90130	Grid ref	NT 24900 73400
Date application validated	13 January 2017		
Summary of proposed works	Installation of 1no. "Jacobite Room" external signage board		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends that approval for Edinburgh Castle - Installation of 1no. "Jacobite Room" external signage board be granted without conditions.

2. Background

The monument is Edinburgh Castle comprising all buildings, structures, wells, fortifications street furniture, historic plaques, roadways, yards and other open spaces.

The scheduled area is irregular and includes all of the above features and an area around them in which traces of activities associated with the Castle, such as outer fortifications, siege works or temporary workshops, may survive.

The monument is of national importance because of its supreme historical, architectural, archaeological and overall cultural significance.

It is the main facade of the Redcoat café and Jacobite Room catering concession and the mounting of wall signage on this façade that this application relates to. The application is for the erection of signage in the same design as existing signage on this façade. It has been submitted by Benugo Ltd.

The application is accompanied by a description and rationale for the works and three drawings indicating the position and character of the proposed sign.



3. Proposals

Fixing of new timber and brass sign to wall mortar.

Consented works – the erection of a sign to the inward facing façade of the Jacobite room. The sign will be fixed to the line of mortar on the wall via 4 shop kit screw fixings.

Aims – to improve Benugo customer access and information.

4. Representations received

Historic Environment Scotland Conservation Directorate, representing the owner's interests at this monument have had sight of the application and have no comments to offer.

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

3.14. A monument is included in the schedule to secure the long-term legal protection of the monument in the national interest, in situ and as far as possible in the state it has come down to us. Scheduled monuments have an intrinsic value as monuments, not related to any concept of active use. It is the value of the monument to the nation's heritage, in terms set out in the section on Scheduling in Chapter 2 of this policy statement that is the primary consideration in determining applications for scheduled monument consent.

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.



3.17. As each monument will require treatment specific to its individual nature, characteristics, significance and needs, any proposed change to it must be fully and explicitly justified.

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 at Edinburgh Castle (Redcoat café and Jacobite room) involve the erection of a wooden and brass sign matching existing signage in the same area. This is intended to address customer access issues.

The physical impact of the proposed works would be fixing of mounting screws into the building mortar line at four points and the masking of the wall fabric by the sign (designed to match existing signage on the wall adjacent).

The works proposed would affect a very small proportion of the scheduled monument. They are therefore not assessed as extensive and they would not affect the cultural significance of the monument.

The application has been accompanied by a design and installation statement and drawings which set out an appropriate and suitable fixing method.

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 the erection of a sign at Edinburgh Castle (Jacobite Room / Redcoat café) are being done to elements of the monument in such a way that they will have minimal impact on the cultural significance of the monument. They do not, therefore, conflict with paragraphs 3.16 and 3.18 of the policy statement.

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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	Andrew Fulton	Date	19 January 2017
Approved by	Iona Murray	Date	22 January 2017

Annex A – list of supporting documents

- Descriptive rationale
- Indicative drawing - Entrance signage - Jacobite
- Indicative drawing - Detailed entrance signage - Jacobite
- External location plan