



## Case Information

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<b>Reference/Case ID</b>	300018893		
<b>Scheduled Monument</b>	Edinburgh Castle		
<b>Index no</b>	SM90130	<b>Grid ref</b>	NT 24900 73400
<b>Date application validated</b>	16 December 2016		
<b>Summary of proposed works</b>	Provision of additional suspended light fittings within the Prisons of War Exhibition		

## 1. Summary recommendation

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This report recommends that approval for **Provision of additional suspended light fittings within the Prisons of War Exhibition** be granted without conditions.

## 2. Background

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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 Prisons of War area of the castle and the provision of additional lighting therein that this application relates to. The application is for the installation of single light fittings at four locations. The fittings will be secured via single eye bolts, each to be fixed into mortar joints using a resin mix. It has been submitted by HES Conservation Group.

The application is accompanied by brief statement of the work; two location plans and; a detailed sectional drawing.

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



## 3. Proposals

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- Painting of 4 Number eye bolts to match the location background.
- Introduce resin to mortar in four locations.
- Affix 4No 6x80mm stainless eyebolts into resin channels.

Consented works – **Provision of additional suspended light fittings within the Prisons of War Exhibition** . The work will include the securing of four stainless steel eyebolts into resin channels located in mortar joints of stone vaults within the Prisons of War at Edinburgh Castle.

The works are aimed at providing additional display and emergency lighting, complementing works to update existing fittings.

## 4. Representations received

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No third party representations were received.

## 5. Report

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### 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.

3.20. 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 **Provision of additional suspended light fittings within the Prisons of War Exhibition**. This is intended to improve decorative and functional lighting as part of wider improvements aimed at enhancing the visitor experience and emergency lighting provision.

The physical impact of the proposed works would be the coring and resin plugging of four 6x80mm holes within the mortar joints of vaulted ceilings in the Prisons of War. The works are therefore likely to have minimal impact on the historic fabric – the light fittings are to match existing fittings in order to maintain uniformity. The securing bolts are to be painted to match background colours. The works are intended to improve visitor experience. The works would not affect the cultural significance of the monument.

The application has been accompanied by a method statement that sets out an 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 **Provision of additional suspended light fittings within the Prisons of War Exhibition**, 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.



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

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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

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No conditions have been attached to this decision.

## 8. Approval

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<b>Case officer</b>	Andrew Fulton	<b>Date</b>	08 February 2017
<b>Approved by</b>	Iona Murray	<b>Date</b>	08 February 2017

### Annex A – list of supporting documents

- Lighting lantern schedule.
- Location plan.
- Plan drawing locating all light fittings (KSLD 0655-LD-FP03).
- Detailed section showing lantern and fixing (KSLD 0655-LD-DT01).