



Case Information

Reference/Case ID	300019048		
Scheduled Monument	Edinburgh Castle		
Index no	SM90130	Grid ref	NT 24900 73400
Date application validated	23 January 2017		
Summary of proposed works	Proposed partition & storage extension works to 'Tea Rooms' and associated minor entrance flooring works		

1. Summary recommendation

This report recommends that approval for **Edinburgh Castle - Proposed partition & storage extension works to 'Tea Rooms' and associated minor entrance flooring works** be granted without conditions.

2. Background

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

The scheduled area is irregular, including 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 area scheduled measures a maximum of 500m WSW-ENE by 255m transversely.

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

It is the Queen Anne Tearoom that this application relates to. The application is for lighting alterations, replacement flooring, movement of signage and movement of modern partitions to improve visitor experience. It has been submitted by Benugo, the contracted site catering supplier.

The application is accompanied by brief statement of the work and 14 detailed drawings.

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

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3. Proposals

The proposed partition and storage extension works to the 'Tea Rooms' and associated minor entrance flooring works involves the movement of modern partitions on the ground and first floor, blocking of a fire door, associated electrical works and installation of floor matting to improve visitor flow and experience.

- The removal of a modern partition within the current store room on the ground floor.
- Relocation of emergency exit signage within current store room on the ground floor.
- Installation of a new full height 1 hour fire rated steel stud partition to separate store and cloakroom from fire escape on the ground floor - vertical fixings to be fixed only into mortar joints or through plaster into existing studwork.
- Installation of brown coir matting at the entrance and site of previous store on the ground floor.
- Removal of fire door blocking with plasterboard within the stone arch in the main hall on the ground floor - no fixings to original masonry arch. All fixings to be into mortar or through plasterboard to floor and ceiling.
- Rewiring of recessed spot lights within the boundary of the new store extension on the first floor.
- Relocation of an existing recessed floor track within the first floor store - existing cornice and timber beam at high level to be avoided with no fixings into them.
- Removal of a low double wall socket within the first floor store - repaired to match existing.
- New stud partition wall within the first floor store - existing cornice and timber beam at high level to be avoided with no fixings into them

The works are required to improve operational working of the Queen Anne Tearoom and enhance customer experience.

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.



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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.

b) Assessment

The existing layout of the Queen Anne Tearoom is entirely modern and makes no contribution to the Castle's cultural significance.

The proposed works include the movement of modern partitions on the ground and first floor, blocking of a fire door, associated electrical works and installation of floor matting to improve visitor flow and experience within the Queen Anne Tearoom. This area of the Castle already has a number of modern interventions, including modern floors, ceilings and partitions. The proposed works have been designed in such a way as to mitigate any impact on original fabric. As such they will have a minimal impact on both physical fabric and the historic room layout.

The application has been accompanied by detailed drawings which set 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 works, comprising the movement of modern partitions on the ground and first floor, blocking of a fire door, associated electrical works and installation of floor matting, 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 paragraph 3.16 of the Policy Statement.

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	Iona Murray	Date	15 February 2017
Approved by	John Raven	Date	15 February 2017

Annex A – list of supporting documents

1. AL(00)00 Existing GA Ground Floor Plan
2. AL(00)01 Existing GA First Floor Plan
3. AL(00)02 Proposed GA Ground Floor Plan
4. AL(00)03 Proposed GA First Floor Plan
5. AL(10)00 Downtakings Ground Floor Plan
6. AL(10)01 Downtakings First Floor Plan
7. AL(22)00 Proposed Partitions Ground Floor Plan
8. AL(22)01 Proposed Partitions First Floor Plan
9. AL(22)02 Proposed Partitions Existing Photographs
10. AL(35)00 Reflected Ceiling Ground Floor Plan
11. AL(35)01 Reflected Ceiling First Floor Plan
12. AL(42)00 Proposed Flooring Floor Plan
13. EL(70)02 Proposed Fireplace Elevation
14. EL(70)03 Proposed Cloakroom Tile Elevation