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

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| **Case ID** | **300040384** | **Index no** | **SM986** |
| **Scheduled Monument** | **Dunnottar Castle** | | |
| **Location/ Address** | **Aberdeenshire** | | |
| **Proposed Works** | **Removal of cobbles from the steps through the pends and replacement with a cement screed** | | |

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

**Consented Works:**

- Lift the cobbles from the surface of the steps
- Excavate the bedding material to a depth of approximately 100mm
- Reset any stone step treads as required
- Lay thin blinding sand layer to provide archaeological separation
- Lay concrete mix

as described in your application which we validated on 17 September 2019 and the following supporting documents:

- location plan
- report on the archaeological recording of the existing steps
- written scheme of investigation (WSI) for archaeological monitoring
- specification for the repairs.

**Condition referred to above**

1. Not less than 2 weeks before any of the works to which this consent relates are begun on site, Historic Environment Scotland shall be informed in writing of the timetable for the proposed works. Historic Environment Scotland shall be informed in writing of any changes to the timetable prior to the works being carried out.

   *Reason: to enable a representative of Historic Environment Scotland to visit the site and monitor the works in progress.*

**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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