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

Case ID	**300072504**	**Index no**	**SM5625**
Scheduled Monument	**Blervie Castle**		
Location/ Address	**Moray**		
Proposed Works	**Emergency works to wallheads and ground floor vault**		

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

Consented Works:

- insert temporary support to ground floor vault
- consolidate wallheads and exposed wall cores where mortar is missing or defective
- Installation of support to fourth and second floor doorways
- installation of galvanised door into barrel vault to prevent access by public

as described in your application which we validated on 03 May 2024 and the following supporting documents:

- Ground and First floor plan 1b
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor plans 2b
- Supporting statement rev
- North east and South east elevations 3b
- North west and South west elevations 4b
- Ownership site plan and Sectional elevation 6
- Blervie Ecologist PRA report
- Engineer - SK01 - Shoring to GF vault
- Site and Location plan 5a

Conditions referred to above

1. No works requiring scheduled monument consent shall commence on site until method statements for consolidation work and installation of door in the ground floor vault have been approved in writing by Historic Environment Scotland.

   Reason: to ensure that work will be carried out to a standard acceptable to Historic Environment Scotland and impacts on the monument are minimised.

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2. No works shall commence on site unless a protected species report current for the time of works has been approved in writing by Historic Environment Scotland.

   Reason: to ensure that potential impacts on protected species are identified and recommendations updated when the current report becomes invalid.

3. Details of the contractor(s) who will carry out consolidation works to the burial vault and wallheads must be submitted to and approved in writing by Historic Environment Scotland prior to the commencement of these works.

   Reason: to ensure works are carried out by appropriately qualified personnel.

4. No work requiring disturbance of rubble 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.

5. No works requiring scheduled monument consent shall commence on site until mortar specification has been approved in writing by Historic Environment Scotland.

   Reason: to ensure that work will be carried out to a standard acceptable to Historic Environment Scotland and impacts on the monument are minimised.

6. The applicant will provide Historic Environment Scotland a record of the monument before and after the works and will include measured annotated drawings and photographs within three months of the completion of works.

   Reason: to provide an accurate record of the monument before and after the works on site.

Reasons for the Decision:

The proposed works would have minimal impact on [and improve the condition of] the cultural significance of the monument and comply with Scheduled Monument Consent Policy 1.

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The proposed works are the lowest level of intervention consistent with achieving the monument's preservation and comply with Scheduled Monument Policy 2.

The application is carefully considered and based on good authority, however some further information is required prior to the commencement of work and suspensive conditions are therefore necessary to ensure the application is compliant with Scheduled Monument Consent Policy 4.

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