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

Case ID	300076117	**Index no**	SM986
Scheduled Monument	Dunnottar Castle		
Location/ Address	Aberdeenshire		
Proposed Works	Localised repairs and intervention to the Main Entrance		

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

Consented Works:

Steps from the main entrance to the castle plateau

- Rebed, repoint and and replace loose, missing and uneven cobbles
- Form an additional step on Flight D

Path between 'The Pends' and the Keep

- Replace timber step risers with stone

Path between Benholm's Lodgings and the Keep

- Repoint failing joints and rebed misaligned stonework
- Regrade gravel paths, lay new gravel and introduce areas of stone paving

Keep, Whig's Vault and East Range- ground floor rooms

- fill voids in floor surface

Whig' Vault/East Range

- build up variable step riser and uneven area to create level ground immediately inside opening from adjacent corridor

as described in your application which we validated on 17 October 2024 and the following supporting documents:

01 Proposed Interventions and Heritage Impact C

- 02 Dunnottar Masonry Preamble

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- 03 Murray Archaeological Services Dunnottar steps recording, final report 2018_19
- 04 Dunnottar Castle Conservation Mgt Plan 2023
- 05 Location Map Dunottar Castle
- DC_PATHS_01A_STEPS AND PATH from PEND to KEEP
- DC_PATHS_02A_STEPS from PEND to KEEP
- DC_PATHS_03A_WHIGS VAULT STEP and FLOORS
- DC_PATHS_04A_FLIGHT D Step 15

Conditions referred to above

1. No work requiring excavation or regrading of the ground surface shall take place within the scheduled area until the applicant has secured the initiation of a programme of archaeological monitoring in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigations WSI 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.

2. Not less than 4 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.

3. Within six months of the completion of works, the applicant will provide a photographic record of the monument before and after the works.

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

Reasons for the Decision:

The works are being done to elements of the monument in such a way as to fully maintain the cultural significance of the monument. They do not, therefore, conflict with Scheduled Monument Policies. The application is carefully considered, based on good authority, sensitively designed, and properly planned, however conditions are required to ensure full compliance with Scheduled Monument Consent Policy 4 .

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