



Introduction

Metal and Mineral Detecting Consent is required for the use of any equipment capable of detecting metal or minerals in a protected place*. This includes metal detectors, magnetometry/gradiometer surveys and ground penetrating radar. Metal and mineral detecting consent will normally be granted for geophysical surveys.

For metal detecting surveys, consent will normally only be granted where the survey forms part of a wider research strategy, and provision is made for the conservation and reporting of finds. In all cases, the applicant should include evidence that the site owner is aware of the proposed survey and is content for the works to proceed.

We believe you should always know what data we collect from you, why we need it and how we look after it. This privacy notice, along with our overarching HES privacy notice, explain your rights and our role in protecting the information that you share with us. We will process your Personal Data in strict accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The data you submit to us as part of your application for consent will be used for this purpose and to confirm and update Historic Environment Scotland's Owner-Occupier records. This allows us to monitor the condition of scheduled monuments and notify you of any potential designation changes. However, should your application affect any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) we will, with your permission, pass the personal information contained in this form, along with the form itself, to Scottish Natural Heritage for the purpose of processing an application for SSSI consent, should this be required. Historic Environment Scotland publish applications and decisions on its portal <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot>. Historic Environment Scotland will publish the application and relevant supplementary information including the name and address that you have submitted as part of the application. However, Historic Environment Scotland will not publish signatures, personal email addresses or telephone numbers.

*A protected place means any scheduled monument, or monument under the ownership or guardianship of Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Please follow the instructions below when completing your application form.

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Applicant name and address

Please enter your name, address and contact details. If you are an agent, enter the name and address of the person you are making the application on behalf of.

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Applicant's legal interest in monument

Please indicate your legal interest, if any in the monument.

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Monument to which application applies

Please enter information sufficient to identify the monument. You can find the monument IndexNo and Name on our public portal (portal.historicenvironment.scot), or by calling 0131 668 8716. Alternatively, please enter a grid reference for the monument.

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Survey Method

Please indicate which survey method(s) you intend to employ.

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Indicative timescale for proposed works

Please enter an indicative timescale for the proposed works

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Enclosed Documents

You must provide a short statement outlining your survey methodology, and a plan indicating the extent of survey. Written evidence must also be provided to show that the owner of the monument is content for the survey to take place (if the applicant is not the sole owner).

Additionally, **for metal detecting only**, you should provide details of your research strategy and provision for finds conservation, study and reporting.

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Other information relevant to the application

Please provide details of any other information relevant to the application.

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Nature Conservation- Protected Species and Places

Historic Environment Scotland has a duty to assess the impact of any proposed works on protected species and places. Further information on protected species and places, together with standing advice is available from Scottish Natural Heritage's website: www.snh.gov.uk.

Before applying for metal and mineral detecting consent, you must identify whether the works you are planning are within a protected place, and consider what (if any) protected species might be present on the site, or close by, and the effect the proposed works might have on them.

You should, where necessary, provide information on the likely impact of your proposed works on the protected species or place, as the determination of your application for scheduled monument consent may be delayed or the application refused without this information.

If your planned work is within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), you may require SSSI consent in addition to consent for metal and mineral detecting. With your permission, Historic Environment Scotland will pass your personal details, along with the details of your application, to Scottish Natural Heritage. A separate application for SSSI consent will not be required. If you do not consent to your details being passed to SNH, you will need to apply directly to them for any SSSI consent required.

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Please tick all relevant statements and sign the declaration. You should be aware that it is an offence to provide false information. If you are an agent, please give your contact details.

Your application is now complete. Please send it, together with any supporting information to:

email: scheduledmonumentconsent@hes.scot

or post to:

**Heritage Directorate Business Support,
Historic Environment Scotland,
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For further help and information please call 0131 668 8716.