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Dear Lesley

SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT: DRAINAGE WORKS AT TRUDERSCAIG TOWNSHIP,
SUTHERLAND.

Mr Arkle Fraser of the Forestry Commission, District Office, Lairg, has passed the attached application through me, as he feels that he has been subject to some pressure over this application (my words, not his - he is just seeking advice). He feels that there is little problem to the monument here, and that the process is likely to hold up badly needed drainage work.

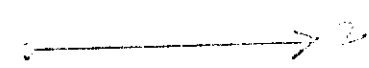
I can confirm his view that bad drainage is present, and that it will adversely affect the Scheduled Monument if allowed to continue. From my records, only the two small hand drains (see his plan) are within the Scheduled Area - the machine trench lies outwith the township proper. While I realise that this must proceed through the proper channels, I would recommend that this be passed for SMC as soon as possible. Mr Fraser will inform both HBM and myself if anything of interest is noted during the cutting of the drains at all locations marked on his plan.

Regards

Robert Gourlay
Archaeologist



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The Director
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Dear Sir

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT: TRUDERSCRAIG TOWNSHIP

I refer to your application of 28 August 1989 regarding scheduled monument consent for work at Truderscraig Township. The application was completed by Mr Fraser of the Forestry Commission, District Office, Lairg and submitted by Mr Gourlay, Highland Regional Council.

The Secretary of State considered the information provided in your application and took the provisional view that consent for the work should be granted subject to the undernoted conditions. Before determining whether or not to grant scheduled monument consent however, the Secretary of State is obliged by statute to offer you an opportunity of a hearing. This he now formally does; but in the light of his provisional view it is presumed that you do not wish to take this opportunity and the Secretary of State has proceeded on that presumption to consider his decision which is set out below.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that scheduled monument consent is hereby granted under section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 for 10m of drain to aid site drainage in the area of Truderscraig Township subject to the following conditions:-

1. A photographic record be made of the immediate area prior to work and a copy be passed to us.
2. The trench be cut by hand to the minimum dimensions required.
3. Historic Buildings and Monuments and the Regional Archaeologist be given advance notice of at least one month of the date of commencement and that Mr Gourlay be notified of any features which are revealed in cutting the drain.

I would be glad to know if the above conditions are acceptable to you.

The proposed drain, mentioned at 6(B) of the application, is outwith the scheduled area and therefore scheduled monument consent is not relevant. However, I would suggest that it would be beneficial if the three conditions mentioned above could also be taken into account in dealing with the second drain.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr Gourlay, Archaeologist,
Highland Regional Council *and Mr. Fraser.*

Yours faithfully

M. Rose

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