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Subject:	Dun Totaig

Hi

Report of damage & possible danger from Gordon McIntyre tel: (01599) 555220 (he is actually one of the students on the Aberdeen University Certificate course). Apparently stones have been taken away, one of the chambers has collapsed, and one is on the verge of collapse, in the space of about 2 months.

SMR & NMRS no. NG82NE0002
HS no. 1664
HS name Caisteal Grugaig Broch, Skye

It's on Forest Enterprise land (Fort Augustus District), who produced a management plan for it in July last year.
Hope this is of some help, shout if you need any more details.
I've let Gordon know that you and/or Sandra may be in touch.

Best wishes

Allison

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Allison Fox

Archaeologist

Highland Archaeology Service

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the schedule affecting
Caisteal Grugaig, broch 900m WSW of Totaig, dated 2 NOVEMBER 1993
and is signed as relative thereto.

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M Wield Esq
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Our Ref: AMH/1664/1/1

29 August 1996

Dear Mr Wield

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
 APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT: CAISTEAL GRUGAIG
 BROCH, SKYE

N9 82 NE 02

I refer to your application for scheduled monument consent of 26 July to cut and remove trees and saplings, poison stumps and to remove debris at the above scheduled ancient monument.

In the terms of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, before determining whether or not to grant scheduled monument consent the Secretary of State must provide you with an opportunity to appear before and be heard by a person appointed for that purpose. This right to a hearing can also be extended to any other person whom the Secretary of State considers has an interest.

To enable you to decide whether or not to exercise your statutory right to a hearing, which would normally take the form of a public local inquiry, I can advise you that on the basis of the information at present available and the advice given to the Secretary of State, **he is minded to grant scheduled monument consent** subject to the undernoted conditions:-

1. All trees that are to be felled shall be cut off above the level of the ground.
2. All tree stumps should be left in situ and poisoned to prevent regeneration.
3. Windblown root plates should be put back in their original position.
4. No machinery should be permitted onto the scheduled areas.



5. All brash and cuttings that result from these operations shall be removed from the scheduled areas and shall not be burnt within the area of the scheduled monuments.

Reasons: The reasons for the implementation of these conditions is to ensure that trees are felled or thinned in such a way that no disturbance is caused to the scheduled ancient monument or to buried archaeological deposits within the scheduled area.

If you wish to contest the above advice you may use your statutory right to a hearing as set out above. Any request for a hearing should be made within 28 days of the date of this letter. Alternatively, instead of a hearing you may wish to submit written representations in support of your application.

If I do not have a reply from you within 28 days either requesting a hearing or making representations, the Secretary of State shall proceed to a final determination of the matter and his decision will be notified to you.

A form of reply and a pre-paid self addressed envelope is enclosed for your use.

I must remind you that no works may be undertaken without a formal grant of scheduled monument consent.

Yours sincerely

MRS P WOOD

cc: J Wood, Highland Archaeologist
Dr S Bardwell, Monument Warden
Mr Hall, Area Inspector
Dr Hingley, Historic Scotland

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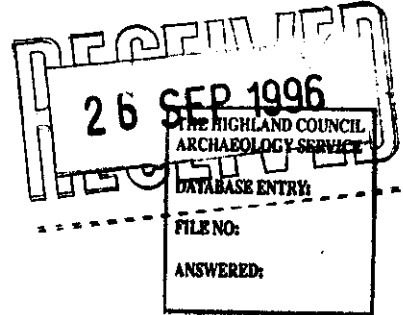
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20TH September 1996

Dear Mr Wield

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APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT: CAISTEAL GRUGAIG
BROCH, SKYE

Ng 82 NE 002

I refer to your application for scheduled monument consent to cut and remove trees and saplings, poison stumps and to remove debris at the above scheduled ancient monument.

You indicated that a hearing is not requested before the Secretary of State determines whether or not to grant scheduled monument consent.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the works summarised above can be carried out without detriment to the historic, archaeological or architectural integrity of the monument. **Accordingly, he hereby grants scheduled monument consent for the works outlined in the application dated 26 July.**

Consent is granted subject to the undernoted conditions:

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Yours sincerely

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cc: J Wood, Highland Archaeologist ←
Dr S Bardwell, Monument Warden
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7 November 1994
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Dear Roger

SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENTS ON FOREST ENTERPRISE LAND IN WESTER ROSS FOREST DISTRICT

I was pleased to meet you several weeks ago and I am sorry to have taken some time to reply. I agreed to send you the date of my proposed visit to Skye in Spring 1995 so that we could look at the broch on Raasay together. I have provisionally arranged to visit Roger Miket from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May and we would probably visit Raasay on the Thursday; are you free then?

We discussed two other sites during my visit and, as a result, I have the following comments.

CAISTEAL GRUGAIG (NGR NG866250) HNG 82 NE 002 .

This must be one of the finest prehistoric monuments that Forest Enterprise have on their landholdings. We felt that the monument would benefit from improved management in future, but most of the works proposed below would require scheduled monument consent. I am enclosing a scheduled monument consent form which should be completed and returned to Historic Scotland.

In particular, you could consider spraying the ferns and bracken on the top of the broch wall. The rowan above the broch entrance should be poisoned and left to rot. The rowan and birch should be removed from the walls and base of the wall of the broch and a clearing established for 15m around the broch on the south, west and north. On the burn side, the hazel should be removed from close to the wall of the broch and the overhanging branches of the trees should be removed with care. All loose wood should be removed well away from the broch. At present visitors are burning fires within the broch with wood collected on the site. The seedlings should be removed from the brock wall and the bracken poisoned every two to three years.

You may also wish to position a notice to discourage people from walking up the broch wall to the west of the entrance. This access to the monument is causing considerable erosion to the well preserved wall of the monument. This notice should be