

KELSO Abbey Orchard – HES (copy of e-mail)

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Subject: RE: Kelso Abbey Community Orchard

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email dated 26 June regarding the Kelso Abbey Community Orchard.

For clarification, I have attached a copy of the legal document of the scheduled monument, [Kelso Abbey](#).

In response to question one, the area in question forms part of the Kelso Abbey scheduled monument. The scheduled area extends beyond that of the abbey itself to include likely remains of the wider monastery complex. The scheduled area excludes all post-monastic structures above ground that are not in the care of Scottish Ministers, and all plots where burial rights exist. I can confirm that any works to the area in question, including the planting of trees, would require [scheduled monument consent](#). We would be unlikely to grant consent for works that would likely adversely affect archaeological remains of the monastery complex, but nevertheless recognise that this area has previously been planted.

Prior to making an application for consent for the planting of trees, further consideration would need to be made on how to prevent damage to any nationally important remains. We would also advise that you seek further advice from an appropriately qualified archaeologist on how to avoid damage to these remains. Further investigation of the site would yield further information about the likely presence of archaeological remains in this area.

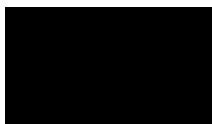
A later application for consent for the planting of trees would need to include the results of the archaeological assessments of the site. It would be useful at this stage to consider what mitigation is proposed should archaeological remains be found, what trees would be planted, and in particular what rooting stock could be considered to minimise the impact of growing roots on any deposits that remain. Your application would need to include details of the number of tree pits, and the dimensions of excavations that would be required, and how these would avoid undisturbed archaeological remains.

In response to question two, scheduled monument consent would not be required for the coppicing of existing trees, but I would advise that if it is proposed to remove any trees from the scheduled area that would need consent from ourselves.

The [forms to submit an application](#) for scheduled monument consent are on our website, along with the relevant guidance notes.

I hope that is useful, but please do contact us again should you have any further questions. We would be happy to meet on site if this would be useful.

Yours sincerely,



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