

58727 Lauriston Castle Trust - Architecture, Historic Maintenance, Consultation and Accounting

As a beneficiary of Lauriston Castle Trust, I am writing to seek clarity regarding the care, maintenance and consultation. Please provide documentation and evidence relating to the application of the maintenance responsibilities at Lauriston Castle estate from 1930 to the present date, specifically as they pertain to the role of the Lauriston Castle Trust Trustees (including those delegated with such responsibilities, providing documents and evidence in support your responses

Maintenance Records

Documentation of repairs, restorations, or conservation works carried out on:

Internal structure of the castle

Stonework and inscriptions on the exterior

Gate House, Glasshouse, Healing Well, and other wells

17th-century Lectern Sundial

Sphinx and Lions at the gardeners' building entrance

Records of inspections, condition surveys, or conservation assessments.

Tenders for work

Rationale for decisions applied by the collective Trustees and anyone delegated by the collective Trustees

Communications between the collective Trustees, those delegated and those who carried out restoration etc.

Historical records of grounds maintenance are not retained.

For more information, please see our previous responses namely [36412](#), [36345](#), [36377](#), [36411](#), [36376](#), [36744](#), [36749](#), [48558](#), [58416](#) and [58658](#) on the Council's [Disclosure Log](#).

Trustee and Council Decisions

Minutes of trustee meetings, council committee papers, or officer reports relating to Lauriston Castle. Estate

Rationale provided for decisions regarding prioritisation of maintenance or conservation works.

Financial allocations made for heritage preservation versus other uses of trust resources.

External funds sought - if none sought, the rationale for not doing so.

Provide evidence confirming the collective Trustees agreed to change the use of the gate house, destroying the character of the historic Grade A building.

Provide the rationale for not seeking external funding and opting for 2e above.

What consultation with beneficiaries took place. Provide evidence.

Please see 58658 on our [Disclosure Log](#).

Governance and Oversight

Present full collective trustee communications, meeting minutes and reports relating to Lauriston Castle estate since 1930.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

Copies of management plans (including the Lauriston Castle Gardens Management Plan 2018–2023 and any subsequent updates.

Review and Evaluation - formal evaluations of conservation and outcomes, including independent audits

This information is available on our ['Parks Management Plans'](#) webpage and on 58658 on our [Disclosure Log](#).

Publication of a clear rationale for conservation decisions, including any prioritisation of features.

Evidence of what was actually carried out mentioned in management plan

Confirmation of compliance with obligations under Historic Environment Scotland's designation of Lauriston Castle Gardens as a designed Landscape.

Documentation of compliance with Historic Environment Scotland's designation of Lauriston Castle Gardens as a Designed Landscape.

Any correspondence between trustees and Historic Environment Scotland regarding conservation obligations.

A forward-looking plan detailing how ornamental and architectural heritage will be preserved for future generations.

Collective Trustee Oversight and Monitoring – reviews of conservation and delegated activities. This includes the use of performance indicators, feedback mechanisms, and compliance checks.

Information not held.

OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator), legal, professional or any other body communications

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