

**Date stamping – suggested condition of consent and associated advice note:**

Condition x: New materials, works or reconstructed elements shall be date stamped to indicate the time of their installation.

Advice note: Date stamping is a term used in heritage conservation to mean marking with a date, not necessarily a stamp, and is important to clearly distinguish replicated or introduced features and new areas of fabric from heritage fabric so changes to the heritage item can be readily understood in the future. The dating of new or introduced fabric may be undertaken by a number of permanent means. It is recommended that a builders pencil be used with regard to masonry or timber, or small steel plate can be used on timber. A permanent marker pen may be used on steel elements. Marking should be in unobtrusive locations. Not all new fabric requires dating, where there are areas of new or introduced material, it can be done on examples of this, rather than on every piece. It should be noted that some treated timber and plasterboard is already dated.