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WHACKY French circus Archaos have been knocked back over a publicity stunt they wanted to stage over the Forth Bridge.

The extrovert troupe planned to fix a tightrope between the cantilevers of the bridge and send some of their artistes across it to mark their arrival in Edinburgh for the Festival and the famous landmark's 100th birthday.

Although the Forth Rail Bridge Centenary Committee liked the idea — the authorities did not.

David Grant, civil engineer for the bridge, said: "The committee contacted me and I said 'no' on the grounds that it was not safe and if anything were to happen to anyone then British Rail would be held responsible."

A spokesman for Archaos said although they were disappointed they accepted the decision of the authorities.