

Case information

Case ID	300018121
File Reference	HGH/B/BC/46
Name of Site	South Aisle (Pringle Burial-Place) Soutra Hill

Local Authority	Scottish Borders		
National Grid Reference	NT 45254 58409		
Designation No. (if any)	LB7444		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	B
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	06/09/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

South Aisle (Pringle Burial-Place) Soutra Hill is a category B building and was listed on 22/01/1971. It is in Fala and Soutra Parish.

Soutra Aisle, burial aisle and part of site of medieval hospital is also a scheduled monument (SM3067). The entry was added to the Schedule 21/10/1971 and was last amended 03/06/1999.

2.2 Development Proposals

Not checked as part of this project.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

The monument was considered for removal as part of the Dual Designation project. This is a nationwide project to review structures which are both listed as buildings of special architectural or historic interest and scheduled as monuments of national importance. Where appropriate the 'dual designation' of structures is being removed and they are being listed or scheduled depending on their individual circumstances. Removing dual designations will help to provide clarity for the future management of sites.

The site was not visited and the present assessment is desk-based, using available information and has included reference to recent photographs.

The site comprises the remains of a medieval hospital including a rebuilt portion of the associated church. Soutra Hospital is said to have been founded by Malcolm IV in 1164, but it is possible that the foundation predates Malcolm. References to the continued use of the hospital can be found as late as 1584. The only building above ground is a section of the Order's church, rebuilt in 1686 as a barrel vaulted burial aisle for the Pringle family. Archaeological investigations have demonstrated the high potential for associated archaeology at this site, and it is therefore more appropriately designated as a scheduled monument rather than listed building.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

An assessment against the Listing criteria was not carried out as the importance of the structure will continue to be recognised through its designation as a scheduled monument.

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland policy statement June 2016, Annex 1 (Scheduling), pp. 48-50 and Annex 2 (Listing), pp. 51-53. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/historic-environment-scotland-policy-statement/>

3.3 Other considerations

As part of the Dual Designation project, we have reviewed the structures at this site and concluded that scheduling is the most appropriate mechanism to secure the preservation of this structure as a monument of national importance.

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