



## Case information

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<b>Case ID</b>	300018377
<b>File Reference</b>	HGH/B/TC/273
<b>Name of Site</b>	St. Serfs' Priory Church St. Serf's Island Loch Leven

Local Authority	Perth and Kinross		
National Grid Reference	NO 16156 00260		
Designation No. (if any)	LB17966		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	B
Case Type	Removal		

<b>Received/Start Date</b>	Project started in 2014
<b>Decision Date</b>	23 /09/2016

## 1. Decision

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Remove: Remove building from the List.

## 2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

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### 2.1 Designation Background

St. Serfs' Priory Church St. Serf's Island Loch Leven is a category B building and was listed on 05/10/1971. It is in Portmoak parish.

St Serf's Priory is also a scheduled monument (SM90271). The current entry in the Schedule is dated 30/12/1936.

### 2.2 Development Proposals

Not checked as part of this project.

## 3. Assessment

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### 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 consists of the remains of St Serf's Priory which was originally a Culdee establishment, supposedly founded before AD 843. About AD 1150 King David granted the island to the Augustinian Canons. The masonry remains represent the oblong chamber of a 12th century church; there are traces of an archway in each end wall, the one to the east giving access to a chancel and the one to the west to a tower or nave. As part of a monastic site, potentially founded in the 9th century, and with high potential for associated archaeology, the remains of the church are 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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