

Case information

Case ID	300018384
File Reference	HGH/B/Z/39
Name of Site	Sound, John Clunies Ross's House, including Bods, Cottages, Outbuildings, Walls and Slip

Local Authority	Shetland Islands		
National Grid Reference	HU 38390 50140		
Designation No. (if any)	LB47305		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	В
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	27/09/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Sound, John Clunies Ross's House, including Bods, Cottages, Outbuildings, Walls and Slip is a category B building and was listed on 28/07/2000. It is in Tingwall parish.

Sound, laird's house, chapel and burial ground 220m SSE of Oversound is also a scheduled monument (SM13049). The current entry in the Schedule is dated 07/02/2013.

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 an 18th-century laird's house, known as the Haa of Sound, and associated structures, the fishing station of Sound, including böds (fishermen's booths or huts), and Our Lady's Chapel with burial ground. As part of a complex settlement site with high potential for associated archaeology, it is more appropriately designated as a scheduled complex rather than listed.

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/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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