

Case information

Case ID	300017587		
File Reference	HGH/B/BC/42		
Name of Site	Smailholm Tower and Barmkin		
Local Authority	Scottish Borders		
National Grid Reference	NT 63801 34671		
Designation No. (if any)	LB13885		
Designation Type	Listed Building	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Removal		
Received/Start Date	2014 date of project		
Decision Date	14/12/2015		

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Smailholm Tower and Barmkin is a category A building and was listed on 16/00/1971. It is in Smailholm parish which has not been resurveyed.

Smailholm Tower is also a scheduled monument (SM90280). The current entry in the Schedule is dated 30/11/1981.

2.2 Development Proposals

Not checked as part of this project.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

The building was considered for removal as part of the Dual Designation project. This is a nationwide project to review structures which have in the past been both listed as buildings of special architectural or historic interest and scheduled as monuments of national importance. This 'dual designation' is being phased out and structures are being assigned to being either listed or scheduled depending on their individual circumstances. Removing this dual designation will help to provide clarity for the future management of the sites.

The site was not visited.

The present assessment is desk-based, using available information and has included reference to recent photographs.

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 found in the Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), pp. 71-85. <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/shep-dec2011.pdf>

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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