

Case information

Case ID	300017806		
File Reference	HGH/B/GE/99		
Name of Site	Elgin, The Little Cross		
Local Authority	Moray		
National Grid Reference	NJ 21900 62800		
Designation No. (if any)	SM2370		
Designation Type	Scheduled Monument	Current Category of Listing	N/A
Case Type	Removal		
Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014		
Decision Date	13/05/2016		

1. Decision

The decision is to remove this monument from the Schedule.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Elgin, The Little Cross is scheduled monument SM2370. The original entry in the Schedule is dated 04/12/1963.

High Street, Little Cross is also a category A listed building LB30709 and was listed on 26/01/1971. It is in Elgin Parish which was resurveyed 09/11/1987.

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.

This cross was apparently first erected in 1402 however the only remaining fabric which appears to be of medieval date is the carved finial. The top of the cross has a sundial which bears the date 1733 and it is believed this was when much of the cross fabric was reconstructed. It is understood that repairs were done in 1867 and then in 1941 the sundial was replaced by a replica and the original removed to Elgin museum. Due to the late date of the majority of the fabric, it would be more appropriately managed as a listed building rather than as a scheduled monument.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

An assessment against the Scheduling criteria was not carried out as the importance of the structure will continue to be recognised through its designation as a listed building.

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 listing is the most appropriate mechanism to secure the protection of this structure as a building of national importance.

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