

Case information

Case ID	300017816		
File Reference	HGH/B/SQ/105		
Name of Site	Prestwick,market cross		
Local Authority	South Ayrshire		
National Grid Reference	NS 35200 26200		
Designation No. (if any)	SM332		
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

Prestwick,market cross is scheduled monument SM332. The original entry in the Schedule is dated 29/01/1955 and was last amended 29/12/1970.

Mercat Cross is also a category A listed building LB40328 and was listed on 14/04/1971. It is in Monkton and Prestwick Parish which has not been resurveyed.

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 market cross probably dates from the 15th century as the first mention of it is in 1473 in the Burgh Records and it is described as broken. According to the inscription on the shaft, the cross was rebuilt in 1777. The cross was moved from the east end of Kirk Street to its current site in 1963. Considering these factors 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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