

Case information

Case ID	300017794		
File Reference	HGH/B/GD/90		
Name of Site	Fettercairn,market cross		
Local Authority	Aberdeenshire		
National Grid Reference	NO 65000 73500		
Designation No. (if any)	SM991		
Designation Type	Scheduled Monument	Current Category of Listing	N/A
Case Type	Removal		
Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014		
Decision Date	18/05/2016		

1. Decision

Remove: Remove monument from the Schedule.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Fettercairn,market cross is scheduled monument SM991. The entry in the Schedule is dated 07/11/1936.

Fettercairn, Market Cross of Fettercairn is also a category A listed building LB6755 and was listed on 18/08/1972. It is in Fettercairn Parish which was resurveyed in 1972.

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.

Fettercairn market cross has a date of 1670 carved on its capital. It has been suggested that it is the old market cross of the town of Kincardine and was moved to Fettercairn in 1730 as Kincardine declined as a burgh. However, there is no record of this and it seems more likely that the cross was erected in 1670 when the burgh's licence to hold markets and erect a cross was renewed (the shaft may be earlier). The cross stands on a 5-stepped pedestal, which is likely to date from 1670 or later. As this is a relatively late example of a market cross, although potentially with earlier 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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