

Case information

Case ID	300017795		
File Reference	HGH/B/LB/152		
Name of Site	Aberlady,market cross		
Local Authority	East Lothian		
National Grid Reference	NT 46400 79900		
Designation No. (if any)	SM784		
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

Aberlady,market cross is scheduled monument SM784. The original entry in the Schedule is dated 20/11/1951.

Aberlady Main Street Mercat Cross is also a category A listed building LB6505 and was listed on 05/02/1971. It is in Aberlady Parish which was resurveyed 27/01/1993.

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 cross consists of a stepped base surmounted by a massive socket stone for a squared sandstone cross shaft. The shaft has been renewed and braced in the past and there is no head to the cross. It has been suggested that the cross dates to the 18th century. As the cross is a later example of its type and only the base and socket stone appear to be original, 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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