

## Case information

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<b>Case ID</b>	300017797		
<b>File Reference</b>	HGH/B/CB/63		
<b>Name of Site</b>	Airth,market cross		
<b>Local Authority</b>	Falkirk		
<b>National Grid Reference</b>	NS 89900 87500		
<b>Designation No. (if any)</b>	SM1756		
<b>Designation Type</b>	Scheduled Monument	<b>Current Category of Listing</b>	N/A
<b>Case Type</b>	Removal		
<b>Received/Start Date</b>	Project started in 2014		
<b>Decision Date</b>	18/05/2016		

## 1. Decision

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Remove: Remove monument from the Schedule.

## 2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

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### 2.1 Designation Background

Airth,market cross is scheduled monument SM1756. The original entry in the Schedule is dated 27/07/1953.

Airth Mercat Cross is also a category A listed building LB2095 and was listed on 25/10/1972. It is in Airth Parish which has not been resurveyed.

### 2.2 Development Proposals

Not checked as part of this project.

## 3. Assessment

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### 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.

Airth market cross is dated 1697 and may have been erected to commemorate the centenary of Airth's erection to a Burgh of Barony in 1597. It is a well-preserved, later example of a market cross and it appears to be in its original location. Archaeological excavations have indicated that at some point in its history, the cross was dismantled and re-erected on a built up ground surface. These works may have taken place in the 1950s. As this is a relatively late example of a market cross which may have been rebuilt, 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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