Case information

Case ID	300018051
File Reference	HGH/B/SG/104
Name of Site	Old Lighthouse

Local Authority	North Ayrshire		
National Grid Reference	NS 14309 51468		
Designation No. (if any)	LB851		
Designation Type	Listed building	**Current Category of Listing**	A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	12/07/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Old Lighthouse is a category A building and was listed on 14/04/1971. It is in Cumbrae Parish.

Little Cumbrae, lighthouse tower & associated buildings is also a scheduled monument (SM418). The current entry in the Schedule is dated 16/08/1957.

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This coal-fired lighthouse dates from 1757 and fell out of use in 1793 when it was superseded by the new lighthouse. It is one of the earliest surviving lighthouses in Scotland. The site consist of the lighthouse tower (conserved in 1956), an associated keeper's cottage, which survives as footings, and an interconnecting wall. Designation as a scheduled monument reflects the age, rarity and national importance of entire site including the ruinous keeper's cottage. Scheduling is therefore the more appropriate designation for this asset.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

An assessment against the Listing criteria was not carried out as the importance of the structure will continue to be recognised through its designation as a scheduled monument.

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland policy statement June 2016, Annex 1 (Scheduling), pp. 48-50 and Annex 2 (Listing), pp. 51-53. https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/historic-environment-scotland-policy-statement/

3.3 Other considerations

As part of the Dual Designation project, we have reviewed the structures at this site and concluded that scheduling is the most appropriate mechanism to secure the preservation of this structure as a monument of national importance.

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