



Case information

Case ID	300018030
File Reference	HGH/B/LA/523
Name of Site	Leith Docks, Martello Tower

Local Authority	Edinburgh, City of		
National Grid Reference	NT 26885 77757		
Designation No. (if any)	LB27625		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	B
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

Leith Docks, Martello Tower is a category B building and was listed on 12/14/1970. It is in Edinburgh Burgh.

Martello Tower, Leith is also a scheduled monument (SM2418). The entry in the Schedule is dated 27/04/1964.

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 asset is a Martello Tower, built to defend the port of Leith in the early 19th century. One of only three Martello Towers within Scotland, along with Crockness and Hackness in Orkney, the scheduling designation reflects the age, rarity and national importance of the tower, therefore scheduling is 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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