Case information

Case ID	300018062
File Reference	AMH/2983/16
Name of Site	Symbister, old harbour & pier house

Local Authority	Shetland Islands		
National Grid Reference	HU 53800 62400		
Designation No. (if any)	SM2983		
Designation Type	Scheduled Monument	**Current Category of Listing**	N/A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	14/07/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove monument from the Schedule.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Symbister, old harbour & pier house is scheduled monument SM2983. The entry in the Schedule is dated 30/10/1970.

Whalsay, Symbister, Pier House and Hem Dock is also a category B listed building (LB18593) and was listed on 13/08/1971. It is in Nesting Parish.

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 harbour consists of an 18th century harbour with a 2-storey former pier house. The pier house was restored in 1984 and is now a museum. As the pier house now functions as a museum, the site is more appropriately managed as a listed building rather than 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 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 listing is the most appropriate mechanism to secure the protection of this structure as a building of national importance.

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