



Case information

Case ID	300018122
File Reference	HGH/B/BA/42
Name of Site	St Helen's Kirk and Kirkyard

Local Authority	Scottish Borders		
National Grid Reference	NT 80378 70676		
Designation No. (if any)	LB4051		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	06/09/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

St Helen's Kirk and Kirkyard is a category A building and was listed on 09/06/1971. It is in Cockburnspath Parish.

St Helen's Church, church & hog-backed monuments is also a scheduled monument (SM382). The entry was added to the Schedule 17/03/1936 and was last amended 26/01/2000.

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 site consists of the remains of St Helen's Church, its kirkyard and associated funerary monuments, including two fragments of a hogbacked stone and an intact hogbacked stone. The church largely dates to the 12th century with some alterations dating to the 15th century, although the hogbacks and a report of a fragment of an early Christian cross slab demonstrate that the site has significantly earlier origins. Due to the high potential for associated archaeology at this site, it is more appropriately designated as a scheduled monument rather than listed building.

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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