



## Case information

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<b>Case ID</b>	300018199
<b>File Reference</b>	HGH/B/DB/27
<b>Name of Site</b>	Whithorn Priory

<b>Local Authority</b>	Dumfries and Galloway		
<b>National Grid Reference</b>	NX 44476 40313		
<b>Designation No. (if any)</b>	LB42266		
<b>Designation Type</b>	Listed building	<b>Current Category of Listing</b>	A
<b>Case Type</b>	Removal		

<b>Received/Start Date</b>	Project started in 2014
<b>Decision Date</b>	07/09/2016

## 1. Decision

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Remove: Remove building from the List.

## 2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

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### 2.1 Designation Background

Whithorn Priory is a category A building and was listed on 20/07/1972. It is in Whithorn Burgh.

Whithorn Priory, monastic settlement and priory is also a scheduled monument (SM12992). The entry in the Schedule is dated 01/02/1994 and was last amended 14/10/2011.

### 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.

The site consists of the buried remains of a large early historic monastic settlement, founded probably in the 5th or 6th centuries AD; buried remains of later Viking and medieval settlements; and the remains of a medieval priory and cathedral. As part of an extensive ecclesiastical and settlement site which dates to around 500AD, Whithorn Priory is more appropriately designated as a scheduled monument rather than a 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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