

## Case information

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<b>Case ID</b>	300018281
<b>File Reference</b>	HGH/B/GE/111
<b>Name of Site</b>	Duffus Old Parish Church (Peter Kirk), Parish Cross, Morthouse and Burial Ground

<b>Local Authority</b>	Moray		
<b>National Grid Reference</b>	NJ 17513 68651		
<b>Designation No. (if any)</b>	LB2307		
<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>	22/09/2016

## 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

Duffus Old Parish Church (Peter Kirk), Parish Cross, Morthouse and Burial Ground is a category A building and was listed on 26/01/1971. It is in Duffus parish.

Duffus, St Peter's Church and churchyard is also a scheduled monument (SM90106). The entry was added to the Schedule 31/03/1928 and was last amended 03/03/1999.

### 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.

St Peter's Church, Duffus is a medieval parish church much remodelled in the late 18th century but incorporating much older work including a fine early 16th century porch and the base of a former tower. The Register of Moray records mentions a church on this site at least as early as 1190. In the burial ground is St Peter's Cross, a fine churchyard cross dating to around the 14th century. As an ecclesiastical site which was founded in the 12th century, and which incorporates medieval and later fabric within the upstanding remains of the church, this site 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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