



Case information

Case ID	300018366
File Reference	HGH/B/TC/262
Name of Site	School Wynd, Abernethy Round Tower with Symbol Stone at Base

Local Authority	Perth and Kinross		
National Grid Reference	NO 18991 16393		
Designation No. (if any)	LB20875		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	23/09/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

School Wynd, Abernethy Round Tower with Symbol Stone at Base is a category A building and was listed on 05/10/1971. It is in Abernethy Burgh.

Abernethy Round Tower and Pictish symbol stone is also a scheduled monument (SM90005). The entry was added to the Schedule 28/04/1920 and was last amended 25/08/1998.

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.

One of only two known free standing round towers of this type in Scotland, believed to date to the late 11th century and to have been inspired by Irish examples. 19th century grave-digging activity uncovered fragments of early Christian cross slabs, while in 1821 excavation in the base of the tower uncovered earlier burials. Against the tower is a Pictish Symbol stone which was discovered elsewhere in Abernethy before being moved here in the early 20th century. As an early, rare and significant building type with the potential for associated archaeology, 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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