



Case information

Case ID	300018239
File Reference	HGH/B/GD/112
Name of Site	Fordyce Village, Old Parish Church of St Talorgan and Walled Burial Ground

Local Authority	Aberdeenshire		
National Grid Reference	NJ 55574 63858		
Designation No. (if any)	LB12603		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	20/10/2016

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Fordyce Village, Old Parish Church of St Talorgan and Walled Burial Ground is a category A building and was listed on 22/02/1972. It is in Fordyce parish.

Fordyce, old church and burial ground is also a scheduled monument (SM352). The entry was added to the Schedule 24/08/1959 and was last amended 23/12/2004.

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 comprise the site of the parish church of Fordyce which was established before 1272. The church took the form of a narrow oblong with a porch projecting from the SW corner but only the much altered chancel, which contains two very fine medieval mural tombs, and porch, later heightened as a three storey tower, now survive from the medieval period. Post-Reformation additions include the Abercrombie of Glassaugh aisle, a late 17th-century tall detached burial aisle with a small bellcote, and the Falconer of Durn aisle. The latter appears to contain medieval fabric including an aumbry and it is possible that it was a later medieval chantry chapel converted after the Reformation to serve as a private burial aisle. As a complex church site dating to the 13th century with high potential for associated archaeology, it 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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