



Case information

Case ID	300018249
File Reference	HGH/B/GD/125
Name of Site	Old Parish Church of St. Ethernan, Rathen

Local Authority	Aberdeenshire		
National Grid Reference	NK 00115 60961		
Designation No. (if any)	LB16139		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	B
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

Old Parish Church of St. Ethernan, Rathen is a category B building and was listed on 16/04/1971. It is in Rathen parish.

St Ethernan's, Rathen old parish church is also a scheduled monument (SM5810). The current entry in the Schedule is dated 30/11/1993.

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 consist of the remains of St Ethernan, the old parish church of Rathen which was first recorded between 1207 Much of the present structure dates to the 18th century but incorporates medieval fabric. The church was dedicated to St Ethernan or Eddran, the 6th century saint who consecrated a church at 'Rethin'. As the remains of a ruinous parish church incorporating medieval fabric 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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