



Case information

Case ID	300018246
File Reference	HGH/B/GD/119
Name of Site	St. Nidian's Church Midmar

Local Authority	Aberdeenshire		
National Grid Reference	NJ 70207 05882		
Designation No. (if any)	LB16261		
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

St. Nidian's Church Midmar is a category B building and was listed on 16/04/1971. It is in Midmar parish.

Midmar, Church, settlement and (Cunningar) motte is also a scheduled monument (SM100). The entry was added to the Schedule 21/02/1955 and was last amended 02/06/2000.

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 comprises the old parish church of Midmar, part of the medieval settlement of Midmar. This includes the church, the upstanding remains of which date mostly to the 17th century but which overlies the site of the medieval church, the site of the castle (Cunningar Motte) and the associated settlement lying between them. As part of an extensive archaeological complex, the church 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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