



Case information

Case ID	300018117
File Reference	HGH/B/BD/53
Name of Site	Bridge Street Kelso Abbey

Local Authority	Scottish Borders		
National Grid Reference	NT 72844 33815		
Designation No. (if any)	LB35734		
Designation Type	Listed building	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Removal		

Received/Start Date	Project started in 2014
Decision Date	22/02/2017

1. Decision

Remove: Remove building from the List.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Bridge Street Kelso Abbey is a category A building and was listed on 16/03/1971. It is in Kelso burgh.

Kelso Abbey is also a scheduled monument (SM90177). The entry was added to the Schedule 13/02/1996.

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.

This monument is the remains of one of the series of abbeys founded by David I in the early twelfth century as a house of the Tironesian monastic order. A monastery of this importance would have covered a large area and excavations in the 1970's revealed part of the south east transept and an infirmary range further east. Other buried remains are likely to survive and future survey and investigation is likely to reveal further information. As the remains of a complex monastic site with high potential for associated archaeology Kelso Abbey is more appropriately designated as a scheduled monument rather than as 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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