Case information

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File Reference	HGH\B\GD\155
Name of Site	Dunnotar Castle

Local Authority	ABERDEENSHIRE
National Grid Reference	388047 783857
Case Type	Removal (Listed Building)

Project Start Date	01/04/2017
Decision Date	18/01/2018

1. Decision

The decision is to remove the dual designation of this site.

Designation name (including reference)	Designation	Proposed Action
Dunnottar Castle - Keep (LB2898)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Approach Tunnels (LB2897)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Benholms Lodgings (LB2920)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - East Guardhouse (LB2906)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Entrance Gateway and Guardrooms (LB2919)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Graveyard Walls (LB2902)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Priest's House (LB2901)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Quadrangle (LB2904)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Smithy (LB2899)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Stables (LB2900)	Listed Building	Removal
Dunnottar Castle - Well (LB2905)	Listed Building	Removal

Dunnottar Castle (SM986)	Scheduled Monument	**No Change**

The monument **will remain** designated as a scheduled monument.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

Dunnottar Castle was originally scheduled on 28/04/1920. The scheduling was amended on 29/07/1970.

Dunnottar Castle - Keep was listed at category A on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle – Approach Tunnels was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle – Benholms Lodgings was listed at category A on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - East Guardhouse was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - Entrance Gateway and Guardrooms was listed at category A on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - Grave-Yard Walls was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - Priest's House was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle – Quadrangle was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle – Smithy was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - Stables was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

Dunnottar Castle - Well was listed at category B on 18/08/1972.

2.2 Development Proposals

There are no known development proposals that affect this monument.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

This site has been considered 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.

The present assessment is desk-based, using available information and has included reference to recent photographs.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

A full assessment against the listing criteria has not been carried out. Dunnottar Castle is a scheduled monument which contains eleven separate listed buildings. The monument is a medieval castle complex which occupies a rocky headland. The upstanding buildings mostly date to the 15th century but the headland is known to have been fortified from at least the 13th century, and it has been suggested that it was the site of an earlier Iron Age/early Historic fortification. The castle retains much of its original fabric and form and has archaeological deposits within the scheduled area. As such is sensitive to change. Therefore, the site is more appropriately recognised and managed through designation as a scheduled monument.

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland policy statement June 2016 - 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 recognise the significance of this nationally important site.

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