

Case information

Case ID	300037068
File Reference	AMH/953/2/1 part 2
Name of Site	Inverness, remains of Cromwell's Fort

Local Authority	Highland Council
National Grid Reference	NH 6650 4635
Designation Type	Scheduled Monument
Designation No. (if any)	SM953
Case Type	Amendment

Received/Start Date	24/04/2019
Decision Date	28/01/2020

1. Decision

Scheduled monument name (including designation number)	Action
Inverness, remains of Cromwell's fort SM953	- Amend the entry in the schedule of monuments as Remains of Cromwell's Fort, bastion west of Lotland Place, Inverness - Amend map and description - Add exclusions - Add images to online scheduled monument record.

The monument was first scheduled on 12/09/1960 and the documentation does not conform to current standards. An assessment against the Scheduling criteria was not carried out as the monument continues to be of national importance. The decision is to amend the entry in the Schedule as **Remains of Cromwell's Fort, bastion west of Lotland Place, Inverness**, with an amended map and description, and to add exclusions.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

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Scottish Charity No. **SC045925**
VAT Number: **GB 221 8680 15**

The monument was first scheduled on 12/09/1960 and there has been no subsequent amendments.

2.2 Development Proposals

No current development proposals affect the monument.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

The site was visited on 03/12/2019.

3.2 Assessment of national importance

An assessment against the Scheduling criteria was not carried out as the monument continues to be of national importance. However, the scheduled area will be reduced in size.

The entry in the schedule is being amended to provide a new Description of the scheduled area and a minor change to the Statement of National Importance:

Current scheduled monument description	This monument consists of the remains of one of the five bastions of Cromwell's Fort in Inverness. Built in the 1650s, this was a five-sided artillery fortification with a bastion on each corner, surrounded by a waterfilled ditch. The remains of only the E bastion and sections of the N and E ramparts are visible. There is no surviving masonry visible on the bastion, which still stands about 3.5m high. The banks surviving from the ramparts are approximately 5m wide and 1.5m high. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, being defined largely by the toe of the banks forming the bastion and ramparts. Excluded from the scheduling are the bridge and pipe which cross the N rampart and the mesh and wire of the fences which cross the scheduled area. The area, which is irregular in plan, measures approximately 85m between its easternmost and westernmost points and 90m between its northernmost and southernmost points. It is marked in red on the accompanying map extract.
Proposed scheduled monument description	The monument consists of the remains of a mid-17th century military fort. The remains of the fort consist of a single earthwork bastion and stretches of earth ramparts on each

	flank. The remains of the fort are now located within an industrial estate, around 250m east of the River Ness. The fort consisted of a five cornered defensive structure with a wet ditch on four sides and the River Ness on the fifth side. The remains of only the east bastion and sections of the north and east ramparts are now visible. The bastion acted as a firing platform for cannon and covered the landward side of the fort. The bastion stands about 3.5m high with no surviving masonry evident. The banks on each side of the bastion, surviving from the ramparts, are approximately 5m wide and 1.5m high. The fort was built as part of the English Commonwealth's occupation of Scotland in the 1650s. Construction began in 1652 and it took five years to complete the fort, which along with the fort at Fort William, served as a base for controlling the Highlands. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, to include the remains described above and an area around them within which related material may be expected to survive, as shown in red on the accompanying map. The scheduled area excludes the above ground elements of; the metal footbridge and pipework crossing above the monument, all fences and fenceposts.
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The designation selection guidance are published in the Historic Environment Scotland Designations Policy and Selection Guidance 2019, Annex 1, pp 9-10, <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/designation-policy>.

3.3 Policy considerations

Scheduling continues to be the most appropriate designation to recognise the cultural significance of **Remains of Cromwell's Fort, bastion west of Lotland Place, Inverness**.

4. Consultation

4.1 Consultation information

Consultation period: 20/12/2019 to 24/01/2020.

We consult with the owner, occupier and/or tenant and the planning authority.

The consultation report of handling is published on our portal for comment from interested parties.

4.2 Consultation Summary

No comments were received during the consultation period.

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