

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

COMBINED STATUTORY AND DESCRIPTIVE LIST

SUTHERLAND DISTRICT

FIRST AMENDMENT

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# SCHEDULE

1. There shall be deleted from the said list:-
  3. item number 10 - "Skelbo House by Skelbo Castle" - in Dornoch Parish
2. There shall be added to the said list:-
  - a. Item number 10 - "Skelbo Castle and House within Castle Enclosure" - in Dornoch Parish

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NAME OF BUILDING AND/OR ADDRESS	ITEM NO	DATE OF LISTING	DESCRIPTION	CAT	MAP REF	REFERENCE	NOTES
SKELBO CASTLE AND HOUSE WITHIN CASTLE ENCLOSURE	10	5 6 85	Castle: ruins of 14th century keep on motte at NW angle of enclosure. Linking enclosure wall to later house at SW. House: late 16th century, altered early 18th century. 2-storey, south facing 5-bay house. Rubble with ashlar dressings. Ground floor barrel vaulted longitudinally, possibly reusing part of an earlier structure within the castle complex. 1 flat-headed, 1 round-headed and one modern enlarged entrance in ground floor; irregular ground floor fenestration and 1 arrow slit/gun loop. 2 1st floor entrances leading originally to 2 self-contained upper units, set in roll mouldings, 1 in E gable approached by ramp, 1 partially blocked in S front. 1st floor windows asymmetrical, some now blocked. 3 1st floor windows to rear (N) elevation. Single small attic windows in each crow-stepped gable. Moulded eaves cornice. 2 carved mask skewputts survive (N of bearded man, S of woman with ruff). 1 end stack survives. Melness slate roof and stone ridge in poor condition.	B	NH 792 952	National Monuments Record of Scotland. Survey drawings.	This complex of buildings, while in poor condition, is listed because of both the historical and architectural interest. An investigation of the site by RCAHMS has revealed the possibility of the house originally being akin to Border bastle construction.



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SKELBO STEADING	11.	20.12.79	Mid-later 19th century, large U-plan single storey and loft range enclosing 5-bay gabled range of cattle courts, presenting symmetrical 7-bay crowstepped gabled frontage to east. All rubble with tooled rubble dressings. Outer and centre ranges slightly higher; outer gables have ground floor doorway, flanking window and centre loft window with apex stacks. Wide round headed arched entrances, with double leaf doors, to centre 5 bays, each with centre loft vent; centre gabled with apex bellcote. Slate roofs.	B	NH 791 950	James Loch, <u>An Account of the Improvements of the Estates of Lord Stafford</u> (1820) pl.13. A Tenton and B Walker, <u>The Rural Architecture of Scotland</u> , 1981 pp 72, 109.	Probably incorporated some of 1812 steading planned during early 19th century improvements to Sutherland estates.