

# English Heritage

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Ref. : MPP23/ AA 30765/01

Date : 21st January 1993

MONUMENT NAME : Hayton Castle moated site and fishpond  
DISTRICT : BASSETLAW  
COUNTY : NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
MONUMENT NUMBER : 23218

Dear Sir/Madam

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979, AS AMENDED

The above-named monument is already included in the Schedule compiled and maintained by the Secretary of State under Section 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, as amended. I am requested to inform you that the scheduled area of the monument has now been revised to that shown outlined in black and highlighted in red on the enclosed map extract. The monument, as revised, has been included in the Schedule. Please ensure that papers that refer to the former scheduled area of this monument are destroyed.

Please amend your records accordingly.

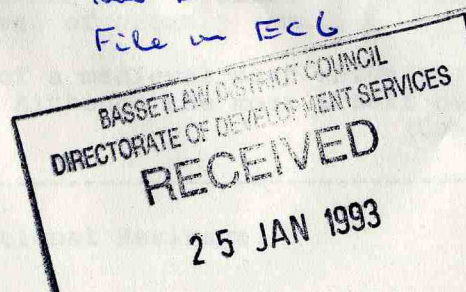
Yours faithfully

*Patricia V. Thompson*

Scheduling Section  
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Encs: map extract, Schedule entry (where required)

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SCHEDULE ENTRY COPY

ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS COMPILED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 AS AMENDED.

MONUMENT: Hayton Castle moated site and fishpond

PARISH: HAYTON

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

DISTRICT: BASSETLAW

NATIONAL MONUMENT NO: 23218

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE(S): SK73978672

DESCRIPTION OF THE MONUMENT

The monument includes Hayton Castle moated site and the adjacent fishpond. The site includes a roughly square platform, measuring approximately 60m on each side, surrounded on three sides by a 15m wide moat with an average depth of 1m. The moat no longer survives on the remaining north side where it has been ploughed away and recut to create a dyke. On the west side of the moat, divided from it by a 10m wide bank, is a rectangular fishpond measuring c.12m from east to west by 50m from north to south. Again the north end of this feature has been truncated by the modern dyke and field boundary. Traces of grassed-over wall footings can be seen at the south-west corner of the island. The existence of this wall may account for the name Hayton Castle which indicates that, in the medieval period, the site was fortified, probably by a crenellated wall. The site is understood to have belonged to the de Hayton family.

All the modern fencing, the surface of the farmtrack along the east side of the monument and the trail sign and leaflet box at the entrance onto the platform are excluded from the scheduling although the ground beneath these features is included.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE

Around 6,000 moated sites are known in England. They consist of wide ditches, often or seasonally water-filled, partly or completely enclosing one or more islands of dry ground on which stood domestic or religious buildings. In some cases the islands were used for horticulture. The majority of moated sites served as prestigious aristocratic and seigniorial residences with the provision of a moat intended as a status symbol rather than a practical military defence. The peak period during which moated sites were built was between about 1250 and 1350 and by far the greatest concentration lies in central and eastern parts of England. However, moated sites were built throughout the medieval period, are widely scattered throughout England and exhibit a high level of diversity in their forms and sizes. They form a significant class of medieval monument and are important for the understanding of the distribution of wealth and status in the countryside. Many examples provide conditions favourable to the survival of organic remains.

Hayton Castle is a well-preserved example of a medieval moat which may have been the site of a fortified manor house. Although the moat itself has

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On behalf of The Secretary of State for National Heritage.

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ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE (Continued)

suffered some disturbance, the platform survives intact and will retain the buried remains of medieval buildings and structures. The adjacent fishpond is also well preserved.

MAP EXTRACT

The site of the monument is shown on the attached map extract outlined in black and highlighted in red. It includes a 2 metre boundary around the archaeological features, considered to be essential for the monument's support and preservation.

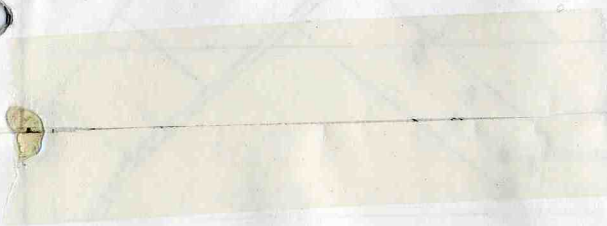
SCHEDULING HISTORY

Monument included in the Schedule on 13th February 1953 as:  
COUNTY/NUMBER: Nottinghamshire 57  
NAME: Moated site of castle, Hayton

The reference of this monument is now:  
NATIONAL MONUMENT NUMBER: 23218  
NAME: Hayton Castle moated site and fishpond

SCHEDULING REVISED ON 15th January 1993

SIGNED BY: C Edwards  
On behalf of The Secretary of State for National Heritage.



Administrative form with fields for County, District, Parish, Name, Monument No., and Locality/Part of site. The form is partially obscured by the yellow sticker and contains faint, illegible text.