

**Section 9 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011  
Notice of Decision of Cathedrals Fabric Commission**

**TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester applied on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for approval of the following proposal:**

Temporary retention of a wooden screen across the South West Porch.

**Summary of the application**

To support the Cathedral in keeping the church warm and functional over the winter months whilst plans are agreed for a permanent solution.

**Representations**

**Representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received from:**

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, email dated 14.11.22 with comments.

**Decision**

**At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following conditions:**

1. That the details of the fixing and appearance of the screen are agreed retrospectively by the FAC (or, in default of agreement, that a further formal application is made to the FAC for the approval of these details);
2. That on or before 30th June 2023 the screen will either be removed or a further formal application will be made to the Commission for the continued time-limited retention of the screen This application would need to be made in the context of proposals and a timetable for a more permanent approach to environmental control at the South West Porch;
3. That when the screen is removed, the paving beneath the South West Porch door is made good.

The reason for the conditions being to preserve the historic fabric and its character.

**Signed:**



**Thomas Ashley  
Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission**

**Dated:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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**TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Paul, London applied on 24 October 2022 for approval of the following proposal:**

The installation of enhanced guarding of the Whispering Gallery.

**Summary of the application**

Addition of web-mesh guarding around the Whispering Gallery. Fixing of stanchions to the wall of the inner drum with a radial handrail surrounding the Gallery, held on metal brackets.

**Representations**

**Representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received from:**

None.

**Decision**

**At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on Wednesday 14 December 2022 the above proposals were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following conditions:**

1. Remaining details of materials, finishing and signage shall be approved by the Fabric Advisory Committee. This will not require a further formal application under the Measure.
2. Further details shall be submitted to the Fabric Advisory Committee to confirm that the fixings for the barriers will be sufficiently robust to bear 'live loading' from people climbing on or hanging from the web mesh. This will not require a further formal application under the Measure.

The reasons for the conditions being because these details are not yet available.

**Signed:**



**Thomas Ashley  
Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission**

**Dated: 4 January 2023**

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