

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, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham applied on 5th December 2022 for approval of the following proposal:

The Proposal

To transfer the Cathedral Archives from 5 The Colledge to the Palace Green Library.

To re-package the Cathedral Archives to provide appropriate protection during the above move and ensure their long-term preservation.

Summary of the application

The Archives of Durham Cathedral are managed by Durham University on behalf of the Cathedral. The Archives are currently stored and accessed in 5 The Colledge, a Cathedral building leased to Durham University. This site is far from ideal for this purpose, for reasons outlined in full in the application.

The Cathedral has explored options for the future of the Archives and concluded that the most appropriate way forward is to move the Archives to Palace Green Library. Durham University Library are committed to collaborating with the Cathedral on this project and will offer significant support.

The proposal will offer much better collections care and public access than is possible in existing accommodation.

To ensure that the Archives are not damaged in the move, the Cathedral proposes to replace existing packaging with more appropriate and compliant packaging. The re-packaging and the move will be carried out with oversight by appropriately skilled conservators and carefully planned to minimise risks to the Archives.

Representations

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

- FAC (extract from FAC meeting minutes 24th November 2022) supporting the proposal
- Historic England (letter dated 7th December 2022) no comment.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 2nd February 2023 the above proposal was considered and the Commission decided to approve the application.

Signed:

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Thomas Ashley

Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission

Dated: 17th February 2023

NOTES:

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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, Gloucester applied on 7 July 2022 for approval of the following proposal:

Conservation and repair of two books:

- Lactantius (H.6.11), 1472
- Selden (SEL.1.3), 1652

Summary of the application

The proposals for the rarer and earlier Lactantius (H.6.11), 1472, include cleaning, re-sizing and repairing water damage; humidifying and flattening crumpled pages; removing old spine repairs, and consolidating and re-backing the book. The treatment proposals for Selden (SEL.1.3), 1652, include surface cleaning where necessary; consolidating and reusing the original leather cover; creating and attaching replacement paper laminate boards and paper endleaves, and reattaching the new boards to the intact original slips.

Representations

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

- FAC, email dated 1 August 2022, with supportive comments.
- Historic England letter dated 25 July 2022 with no comment.
- SPAB email dated 21 July 2022 with no comment.
- The Victorian Society email dated 28 July 2022 with no comment.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 9 September 2022 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to:

- **approve** the proposals for Lactantius
- **defer determination** of the proposals for Selden

The reason for the deferral being that further information is required.

Signed:



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

Dated: 14 November 2022

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FORM 10 (Rule 7)

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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Martin, Leicester applied on November 24 2022 for approval of the following proposal:

Removal of pews from the West Gallery

Summary of the application

- The west gallery pews are already removed as part of the LCR 'decant and storage' operation
- Following the Commission's guidance on the disposal of liturgical furnishings the cathedral seeks the active reuse of the pews in another listed church.
- Existing memorial plaques on the pews (which have already been removed) will be resited in the gallery beneath the east window.
- The pews will be recorded in the cathedral archive.
- The open gallery will be a flexible space for musicians, filming and recording, and imaginative use for liturgy and events.

Representations

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

- Historic England, ~~{date?}~~14 December 2022, with no objection
- The Society for the Protection of ancient Buildings, 14 December 2022~~{date?}~~,
 - with no comment

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on January 26th 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following condition:

1. That a new application under the Care of Cathedrals Measure is made to the FAC to determine details about the proposed plinth to display the memorial plaques from the removed pews.

The reason for the condition being that these details are not yet available.

Signed:

Thomas Ashley

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Thomas Ashley
Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission

Dated: 22 February 2023

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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Chad, Lichfield applied on 19th January 2023 for approval of the following proposal:

Conservation of two items in the Cathedral Library:

1. Armorial of the Garter
2. The Froissart Chronicles

Summary of the application

The Lichfield Cathedral Armorial of the Garter, originally belonging to Edward Seymour 1st Earl of Hertford, is a rare manuscript of the coats of arms of all the Garter Knights in full colour up to Adolf, Duke of Holstein. The last sovereign listed is Queen Elizabeth I. It is in one hand, on vellum, and dates from around 1580. The conservator's proposed treatment involves surface cleaning, repairing the broken tail kettle stitch, supporting the splitting velvet cover on the spine to prevent further deterioration, and replacing the existing storage box with a made to measure cloth covered box fit for purpose.

Lichfield Cathedral's collection includes Volume 1 of Jean Froissart's Chronicles printed in 1559. As part of the Seymour Bequest, the Froissart Chronicles is on the Cathedral's Outstanding Items list. It is a key object in illustrating the unusual history of the Cathedral's library, and of significance due to its ownership. The conservator's proposed treatment plan involves surface cleaning and repairing tears in the outer folia, and repairing the split in the cover at the spine with a combination of toned Japanese paper and aerolinen.

Both items require conservation in advance of an exhibition in Spring 2023.

Representations

No representations were received.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following conditions:

1. That the works undertaken are fully documented by the conservator and a copy of the conservator's report is kept by the cathedral.
2. That information on how the items would be packed and transported, and on the insurance arrangements for the time they are away from the Cathedral, should be agreed in writing between the Chapter and the Head of Conservation or, in default of agreement, approved by the Commission.

Signed:



Thomas Ashley

**Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission and Senior
Cathedrals and Major Churches Officer**

Dated: 17.02.23

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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds applied on 8 September 2022 for approval of the following proposal:

Nave, north aisle and south aisle re-seating.

Summary of the application

To remove and dispose of the existing nave, north aisle and south aisle benches, retaining 6 benches in the cloister. To provide 300 chairs in the nave, Luke Hughes "Edmund" chair. To provide 300 "Theo" chairs for use in the north and south aisles, to be kept stored out of the cathedral church when not in use for specific services or events.

Representations

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

Historic England, 21 October 2022: Objecting.

Victorian Society, 27 October 2022 and 26 January 2023: Objecting.

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 10 October 2022: Deferring to the judgement of the Victorian Society.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on Thursday 2 February 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to refuse the application.

Signed:



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

Dated: 7 February 2023

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FORM 10 (Rule 7)
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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York applied on 12th December 2022 for the approval of the following proposal:

For the installation of 199 photovoltaic panels to the south slope of the Quire roof. To account for times when the output exceeds the demand of the Minster, a bank of batteries are also proposed, to ensure that all electricity generated is used on site.

Summary of the proposals

The array will fix down onto the roof fabric fixing points, which will be anchored through the existing lead into the two layers of over-boarding and sarking board. The roof timbers will be unaffected by this fixing system. Cables will run externally, primarily concealed by a down-pipe to connect the roof array to the existing electrical infrastructure within DB18, a roof void of the South Transept East Aisle. The proposed PV is REC Alpha Pure 410 panels, which were chosen as the optimal heterojunction cell technology, in with balancing other considerations including ethical production.

Batteries are proposed for storage for all electrical generation to be utilised on site for the benefit of the Cathedral church.

Representations

- Historic England, letter dated 17th January 2023 with detailed comments.
- York Minster's Fabric Advisory Committee, letter dated 12th December 2022, supportive.
- SPAB, letter dated 24th January 2023, expressing concerns.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 2nd February 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to **approve** the application, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Cathedral Architect directly supervise the fixing of cable runs to the stonework and of the solar panels to the roof; and,
2. That, no later than 18 months after the installation of the PV array, the Minster shall provide to the CFCE, FAC and Historic England a report on the performance of the array and batteries, to include details of the amount and value of electricity generated, observations on the maintenance regime, and visitor feedback (if any) on the impact of the array on their appreciation of the building.

The reason for the conditions being:

- To ensure that the minimum harm is done to the stonework and roof by the fixings and;
- To inform best practice in this area.

Signed:



Thomas Ashley, Acting Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission

Dated: 14th February 2023

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