

**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, Liverpool applied on 23 August 2024 for approval of the following proposal:

Installation of a platform lift inserted into the steps from the nave north aisle to the nave well in order to provide access for all.

Summary of the application

Installation of a platform lift to give access for all between the nave north aisle (and thus the main floor of the cathedral) and the nave well (currently accessible by an out of date and mechanically failing wall/rail mounted platform lift). Lift shaft/enclosure substantially glazed. Intervention into steps structure to be made good using Hopton Wood limestone to match the existing floor finish.

Representations

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

None.

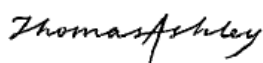
Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on Thursday 27 March 2025 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following condition:

1. That the final positioning of the lift within the second bay of the nave would be subject to the approval of the FAC (this will not require a further formal application under the Measure).

The reason for the condition being to ensure that users of the lift would not face difficulties by exiting into the main thoroughfare.

Signed:



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

Dated: 15 April 2025

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FORM 10 (Rule 7)
Section 9 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011
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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York applied on 17th February 2025 for approval of the following proposal:

Conservation of the Chapter House Doors

Summary of the application

The Chapter House Doors, which date from the late 13th century, are of outstanding importance and significance. They are in a fragile and unstable condition, and have a live pest infestation of furniture beetle (woodworm). Conservation is required to the doors, which have components of woodwork, highly accomplished decorative metalwork, and paint, and to the pintles (hinges) to preserve and stabilise them, enabling the doors to continue in working use in the Chapter House, as they have for around 740 years.

A conservation methodology has been provided by Richard Rogers Conservation Limited, developed by Richard Rogers, Carolien Coon and Indiana Ravenhill, specialists in metalwork, wood and paint conservation respectively. The approach is of conservation, not restoration, respecting the history and significance of the doors and their use over many centuries.

The main areas of concern are:

- The polychrome paint remnants are flaking, detaching and being lost. Consolidation is required.
- The doors are off-set on the pintles, causing a cycle of wear to the pintles and damage to the doors, which sag.
- Elements of the metalwork are loose and required reattachment, to prevent damage and loss. There is also iron corrosion.
- The ironwork baskets are fragile and need to be strengthened and protected.
- There are loose sections of timber on the lower half and sides of the doors where they have either detached from the oak frame or sections of the oak frame are missing. These sections need to be secured and supported.
- Metalwork and woodwork battens have been lost / removed from the bottom and tops of the doors, leading to further damage and deterioration and allowing access for pest insects to the friable wood. Missing frame sections and battens should be replaced.
- The wood has suffered historic and current pest damage, and in some areas is spongy and hollowed out from the inside, with existing losses and risk of further losses. Spot checks have identified regular falls of wood fragments. It requires consolidation.
- There is a live pest infestation of furniture beetle (aka woodworm) that requires treatment to prevent ongoing destruction.

The conservation methodology addresses each of these points, sensitively and

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with respect to the doors' history, while acknowledging that the doors still need to function as active working items.

Consent is sought:

- For the conservation of the Chapter House doors to the proposed methodology by Richard Rogers Conservation Ltd, subject to modifications that evolve in the course of the treatment, to be discussed in advanced with the working group.
- For the delegation of decisions on the evolution of the conservation methodology to a specialist working group, as proposed in the paper to CFCE, to report to the York FAC and Chapter of York under delegated authority from CFCE.
- For the removal of the doors off-site to a conservation studio for treatment.

Representations

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

None

Decision

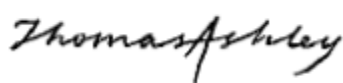
At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 27th March 2025 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to **approve** the application subject to the following conditions:

1. That a working group is established, with a Terms of Reference containing its composition, remit and the appropriate decision-making body for different levels of intervention to be submitted to the York FAC for comment and to the CFCE for approval before works commence.
2. That no works will be undertaken except as agreed by the working group and with the further approval of FAC or CFCE as appropriate, in line with the agreed Terms of Reference.

For the following reasons:

1. To provide confidence to both the CFCE and FAC that good decisions are being made and documented for conservation and future preservation of the doors.

Signed:



Tom Ashley

Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England

Dated: 10th April 2025

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TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter, York applied on 17 February 2025 for approval of the following proposal:

The Quire Ramp project and repairs to the pulpitum screen.

Summary of the application

For the installation of a ramp between the Crossing and Quire of York Minster. The principal element of the proposal is for a stone ramp sensitively located running in front of the Pulpitum Screen, with central steps and handrails. The works also include a minor programme of conservation repairs and repair tests to the screen stonework carried out in accordance with adopted Stone Practice policy.

Representations

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

Historic England, 14 March 2025, supporting the proposal.

York Minster Fabric Advisory Committee, 24 February 2025, supporting the proposal.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), 25 March 2025 (tabled).

The SPAB expressed support for the overall proposal and agreed that its physical and visual heritage impacts would be minimal and acceptable, but expressed concerns about the conservation repairs and details of the design.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on Thursday 27 March the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following conditions:

1. That a Written Scheme of Investigation is provided to the Commission in advance of any archaeological works, to be agreed in writing between the Chapter and the Commission's Secretariat or, in default of agreement, approved by the Commission.
2. The works shall be subject to a continuous watching brief to be carried out by the Cathedral Archaeologist or his nominated representative.
3. If anything of particular archaeological significance is uncovered which would be disturbed or destroyed by the works, works shall stop to

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allow for consultation with the Cathedral Archaeologist and shall not recommence until a mitigation strategy is agreed by him.

4. If any human remains are uncovered they shall be treated with due care and decency and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Advisory Panel on the Archaeology of Burials in England's Guidance for best practice for treatment of human remains excavated from Christian burial grounds in England (2nd edition, 2017).

The reason for the conditions being to protect the archaeological resource.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Thomas Ashley' in a cursive script.

Thomas Ashley
Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission

Dated: 16 April 2025