

FORM 10 (Rule 7)  
**Section 9 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011**  
**Notice of Decision of Cathedrals Fabric Commission**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with detailed comments.
- York Minster's Fabric Advisory Committee, letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, supportive.
- SPAB, letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023, expressing concerns.

**Decision**

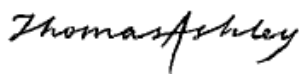
At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to **approve** the application, subject to the following conditions:

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:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**NOTES:**

Within 7 days of receipt of this Notice the administrator of the Cathedral Church is to display a copy of it inside and outside the cathedral where it will be readily visible to the public for a period of not less than 28 days.