

## FORM 4 (Rule 5)

### Section 8 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011 Public Notice on application to the Fabric Advisory Committee

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of:**

The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**has on this date:**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**applied to the Fabric Advisory Committee of the said cathedral for approval of the following proposal:**

The Chapter of York proposes the (a) removal and (b) disposal of five benches currently in St Stephen's Chapel.

**Summary of the nature of work and its extent (and materials) [or in the case of an object, a short description of it and details of the proposal]**

The benches date from 1937. Four incorporate kneelers. They were designed by Sir Walter Tapper (architect, Surveyor of the Fabric at Westminster Abbey and Consulting Architect at York Minster) and made by R Bridgeman & Sons, Lichfield. They are plain walnut pews with simple moulding.

The benches are listed on the cathedral Inventory. They are fine examples of their type and date, but not of unique or outstanding significance.

They take up considerable space which is required for other purposes, including provision of more suitable, family-friendly seating.

Relocation within the Minster has been considered, but no appropriate space has been identified. They are currently surplus to requirements and a situation is not foreseen, in terms of the developing Liturgical Plan, in which these fine but unremarkable benches might be brought back into use. Disposal is therefore proposed.

**Plans, drawings, specifications or other documents**

Copies of the plans, drawings, specification and other documents accompanying this application may be examined online at

<https://yorkminster.org/about-us/statutory-applications/>

**From this day:**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**and until:**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**REPRESENTATIONS**

**If you wish to make representations about the whole or any part of the proposal described in this Notice you should write to the Secretary of the Fabric Advisory Committee: *insert postal and email address.***

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**So that it reaches the Secretary not later than:** *insert a date ending 28 days after the time of the commencement of the period for representations.*

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER**

1. This public notice (or a copy of it) must be displayed for a continuous period of 28 days in a prominent position inside and outside your cathedral where it is readily visible to the public.
2. A copy of this notice must be sent as follows:
  - (a) to the Cathedrals Fabric Commission, and
  - (b) if the proposal is of a kind described in section 2(1)(a) of the Measure—
    - (i) to Historic England (formerly English Heritage)
    - (ii) to the national amenity societies as applicable (see list on Form 3)
    - (iii) to the local planning authority.

## Images of Benches for Proposed Disposal

5 benches, 4 with kneelers. Plain walnut pews with simple moulding. Designed by Sir Walter Tapper and made by R Bridgeman & Sons, Lichfield, 1937

