

**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 Saint Peter in York (York Minster), applied on 10 April 2024 for approval of the following proposal:

Retrospective permission to keep in place a temporary ramp from the north quire aisle into the first level of the quire from now until 3 months after the completion of a permanent stone ramp.

Summary of the application

As part of the enabling works for the York Minster organ project in 2018, the temporary ramp from the crossing into the well of the quire was removed, and a temporary ramp to provide step free access from the north quire aisle put in place instead. When the organ project was completed in 2021, the north quire aisle ramp was left in place. Recently, the temporary ramp from the crossing into the well of the quire has been reinstated, to facilitate access whilst a permanent solution is brought forward. Pre-application advice on the permanent solution has been sought, and initial designs are being developed. It is anticipated that a permanent stone ramp would be in place by the end of 2025.

During the construction process for the permanent ramp, the temporary ramp from the crossing into the well of the quire will be removed. At this point, the temporary ramp from the north quire aisle will be the only means of step free access into the quire. At its meeting on 14th March 2024 therefore, FAC agreed that this ramp should be kept in place and expressed its support for a retrospective application to CFCE to approve this, with an end date of no more than 3 months after the completion of the permanent stone ramp.


Representations

No representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received.

Decision

At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 6 June 2024 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application without conditions.

Signed:



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

Dated: 6 June 2024

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