

**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, 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 that reads "Thomas Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'T'.

Thomas Ashley
Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission

Dated: 16 April 2025