

Interpretation for scaffolding on West Front of York Minster

Scaffolding is to be erected at the West Front of York Minster. It is proposed to add interpretation to this, to highlight the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, in particular the vision for a new public square named in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The square will be a significant feature of York’s public space. It will be of the highest quality design, incorporating natural features. Plans will be brought forward in the future for extensive public consultation, and the interpretation will encourage engagement in this.

The interpretation will also highlight the commissioning by Chapter of a new sculpture to overlook the square, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The concept design is shown below. NB: interpretative text is not yet finalised.

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The emerging York Minster Neighbourhood Plan incorporates a vision to create a new public square at the West Front of York Minster. The square will be named in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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The Chapter of York, the governing body of York Minster, has commissioned a new statue to overlook the square. The sculpture, of Queen Elizabeth II, will be placed in the niche above this scaffold. It will be unveiled in the summer of 2022, to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

The statue is being created by Richard Bossoms, one of York Minster’s stone masons. Advice is being provided by York Minster’s Fabric Advisory Committee, the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England and Buckingham Palace.



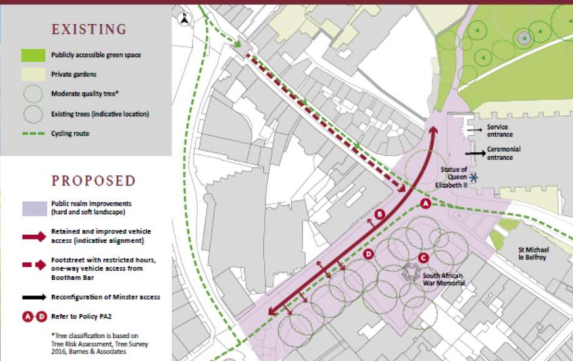
EXISTING



- Publicly accessible green space
- Private gardens
- Moderate quality trees*
- Existing trees (indicative location)
- Cycling route

PROPOSED

- Public realm improvements (hard and soft landscaping)
- Retained and improved vehicle access (indicative alignment)
- Footstreet with restricted hours, one-way vehicle access from Bootham Bar
- Reconfiguration of Minster access
- Refer to Policy PA2

*Tree classification is based on Tree Risk Assessment, Tree Survey 2016, Barnes & Associates



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