

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:

17 January 2022

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

Treatment of mould infestation of Library material

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]

In November 2021 a severe 'live' outbreak of mould was discovered in the Upper Hall of the Old Palace, affecting library material including early printed books and other material of interest and significance. Humidity in the room had reached 70% RH, encouraging mould bloom: this has now been lowered through dehumidification. The humidity had encouraged reactivation of a previous infestation, caused by water ingress. To preserve the material, and remove the mould spores, cleaning and treatment by a specialist contract, Harwell Restoration, is proposed, subject to final sign-off of details at the Chapter meeting on 26 January 2022.

'Outstanding' material, as identified on the Inventory, including the incunabula, has been less significantly affected and will be dried and cleaned on site by Harwell using HEPA vacuum treatments. After treatment, material will be stored in alternative secure and environmentally suitable stores within the Old Palace building.

Other volumes will be removed and dried and treated for mould in Harwell studios. Treatment may include irradiation: tests will be conducted on bindings to establish if this is suitable for specific volumes. While some material will return to the Old Palace site, for reasons of alternative storage limitations on site and retention of public access, it is proposed that other treated material is temporarily stored at the Borthwick Institute, through the established Library Partnership between York Minster and the University of York, until structural improvements to the Old Palace building have been made to prevent water ingress and mould re-infestation in the Upper Hall space.

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:

17 January 2022

and until:

14 February 2022

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.*

14 February 2022

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.