

**Section 9 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011  
Notice of Decision of Cathedrals Fabric Commission**

**TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Peter of Exeter applied on 14 June 2023 for approval of the following proposal:**

Targeted and reversible interventions to the first floor of the Pearson building to enable the control of an environment in which sensitive outstanding items can be displayed.

**Summary of the application**

- Mechanical services – including heating, cooling and ventilation
- Lighting and electrical services – including automatic door control and lighting
- The construction of a ‘Special Exhibition Area’, in which to display sensitive outstanding items
- Installation of automatic doors
- Light reduction measures
- Collection Management Plan for the display of outstanding items
- Specification of display cases

**Representations**

**Representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received from:**

- *Historic England*, 7 July 2023 – expressing concerns.
- *Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings*, 5 July 2023 – no comment.
- *Victorian Society*, 4 July 2023 – no comment.

**Decision**

**At a meeting of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission held on 13 July 2023 the above proposal and representations were considered and the Commission decided to approve the application subject to the following conditions:**

1. That further environmental monitoring will be undertaken for twelve months following installation of the exhibition; which, together with pre- and post-display condition reports for items displayed during that time, will be submitted to the CFCE’s Head of Conservation & Collections Policy and then to the FAC for comment; and, if necessary, the environmental management of the spaces shall be reviewed in light of their recommendations.
2. That the removed nineteenth-century door from the Pearson building (with necessary information regarding its storage location, etc) shall be recorded on the cathedral inventory within three months of its removal, and the FAC shall be informed when this has happened.
3. That, before any exhibits are installed in the new exhibition space, Chapter will ensure that there is a good fire detection system and disaster recovery plan in place for the exhibition space (particularly taking into account the risk of fire presented by the plant in the roof space); the details of which shall be submitted to the FAC and if necessary reviewed in light of their recommendations.

The reasons for the conditions being (1) to ensure the suitability of the environmental conditions in the new exhibition space; (2) to ensure the preservation of original building fabric; (3) to ensure that there is a fire detection system and disaster recovery plan in place for the exhibition space.

**Signed:**



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

**Dated: 28 July 2023**

**NOTE:**

Within 7 days of receipt of this Notice the administrator of the Cathedral Church is to display a copy of it inside and outside the cathedral where it will be readily visible to the public for a period of not less than 28 days.