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 Metropolitical Church of St Peter in York

has on this date: 10 August 2023

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


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]

The processional cross is part of the Millennium Silver collection, created for York Minster in 2000 to mark the new millennium. It was created by the silversmith Gerald Benney (d. 2008). It is composed of sterling silver, partially gilt, with a hollow ebony shaft bisected by two silver knobs. The cross is faced on either side with a silver and gilt circle on which are mounted six diagonal bars with pointed ends, each bar decorated with enamel studs, green on one side (representing Earth), blue on the other (Heaven). Height 2050mm.

The cross is in active use. It buckled and split at the knop, causing the head to fall and be damaged. The rod requires strengthening and repair, the head repair.

It is proposed that the work be carried out by Richard Fox, a specialist silversmith and former pupil and colleague of Gerald Benney. Richard is a Freeman of the Goldsmiths’ Company, London, and currently Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths’ Company. His work is in the Goldsmiths’ Company, Lambeth Palace and The Silver Trust for 10 Downing Street.

A new, stronger and heavier sterling silver plate will be soldered into the base of the cross, to allow it to be re-attached to the staff, replacing the old plate which was too thin to support the weight. The top finial of the cross, damaged in the fall, will be cut apart, reshaped, soldered and re-finished. The cross will be disassembled, re-polished and re-gilded. Please see conservation proposal.
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: 10 August 2023
and until: 7 September 2023

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.

7 September 2023

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.
MILLENNIUM SILVER
YORK MINSTER
GERALD BENNEY PROCESSIONAL CROSS REPAIR

Report by RICHARD FOX MDes RCA on behalf of FOX SILVER LTD

Object Number: YORDC.2013.167

- **Physical Description:** Processional cross, sterling silver, partly gilt. Ebony shaft, hollow for minimum carrying weight, bisected by 2 solid silver knops; silver ferrule at bottom, knop at top supporting cross. Arms of cross are round and have a brushed effect, ending in smooth highly reflective ends with flat, round terminals. Cross is faced on either side with a silver/gilt circle on which is mounted 6 diagonal bars with pointed ends. Each bar decorated either end with enamel studs, green one side (representing Earth) blue on the other (Heaven). Engraved inscription around highest knop: Presented in memory of Oswald Constantine John, 4th Marquis of Normanby. Part of a set of Liturgical silver commissioned to mark the Millennium. Dedicated 05/11/2000. Overall Height 2050mm; Height of cross 680mm; Width of cross 380mm.

- **Production:** Silversmith, Gerald Benney CBE Hon FRCA RDI.

- **Hallmarks:** Gerald Benney, Sterling Silver, Fineness of Silver, London Assay Office, Date letter – 2000, Millennium mark
CONDITION AND METHODOLOGY OF REPAIR REPORT 18th May 2023

The processional cross requires a new sterling silver plate to be soldered into the base of the cross to allow it to be fixed to the staff. The sterling silver plate has to be replaced as it is too thin and the thread is still attached to part of the plate. A much heavier plate will have to be fitted and tapped. I will require the staff to be sent with the cross for fitting purposes. See images 1 & 2.

The top finial has collapsed which will require cutting apart, reshaping, soldering back together and re-finishing. See image 3. Please note it may be more cost effective to replace the damaged part.

Cost £924.00 + VAT.

To dissemble and re-assemble the cross for re-polishing and re-gild (24ct Hard Gold Plate). This includes the staff finials.

Cost £1218.00 + VAT.

Please allow 10 – 15 working days for repair after a delivery date is agreed.

Terms; payment within 14 days of return of goods.

Quotation valid for 30 days.