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Dear Sirs

Application Ref: 21/02560/FUL
Erection of three sculptures on the following sites: 1. Ripon Market Place - a 5m high bronze outline form of St Wilfrid and monk to include paving, benches, information plaque and lighting. 2. Minster Road, opposite the West End of the Cathedral - a 1.3m high bronze representation of a medieval boat with monks, on stone plinth, to include new paving, benches, information plaque and lighting. 3. Roundabout between A61 Ripon bypass and B6265 Boroughbridge Road - a 5m high cast resin sculptural montage of the ancient buildings of Rome, to include information plaque and lighting.

Thank you for your letter of 25 April 2022. You have the Society's position on the principle and details of the proposal in our letter of 15 July 2021.

We have considered the amended plans and welcome the omission of the intervention in the existing paving at Market Place. That apart, we can find no mention that the generalities of the proposal which we raised last year have been addressed, nor our concerns for potential abuse of the sculptures.

We have commented previously that the proposal does not visually link the Market Place and Cathedral as intended.

Accordingly, Ripon Civic Society continues to doubt the wisdom of the project and would go so far as to recommend that if the application is not withdrawn, it ought to be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hughes

Chairman, Ripon Civic Society