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Development Management
North Yorkshire Council

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Dear Sir

Application No. 22/04808/FULMAJ Construction of annex to provide support facilities for Ripon Cathedral, including a refectory, a song school and toilets, Ripon Cathedral Minster Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1QT

Ripon Civic Society wrote to you on 1 March and 20th May 2023 to register its objection to this application. We now note that a plan of Proposed Servicing Arrangements, together with the Transport Statement Rev.3 and the Revised Travel Plan Rev.3, which mention servicing arrangements, have been submitted.

Ripon Civic Society raised concerns about how the proposed building would be serviced in our letter of 1st March 2023. There was no indication on the plans of servicing arrangements and large vehicles could therefore impinge on the remaining open space and block the highway.

The new documents indicate servicing from Minster Road and the Travel Plan states that the Travel Plan Coordinator (a part-time Cathedral employee) "should ensure there are adequate areas to manoeuvre where required on-site". The Proposed Servicing Arrangements plan shows a bay that occupies the existing pavement outside the application site and adjacent to the access to the Old Deanery, which we consider raises significant highway safety issues. We also do not see how the Travel Plan Coordinator would be able to ensure there are adequate areas to manoeuvre on-site based on this and the other submitted plans. If, as we have suggested, the building was to be set further back, it would be possible to provide adequate and safe servicing arrangements on the site. We also note with concern that the Highway Authority considers that the Travel Plan is acceptable in the light of the above issues.

In view of the above and our earlier comments, Ripon Civic Society still cannot support this application.

Yours faithfully

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