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Copies to: The Dean of Ripon;
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Dear Mr Walsh

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 has submitted several representations on the above planning application which has not yet been determined. Subsequently, an extension of time has been agreed with the applicant until 10th May 2024 for a period of consultation and you have requested that we submit any additional representations by today's date.

Members of the Civic Society met the Dean and his advisers as part of this consultation exercise in March 2024. At this meeting discussion with Oliver Caroe of Caroe Architecture focussed on the significance of surrounding buildings, structures and spaces and the impact of the proposed building upon these. In response to this discussion, the Society has produced the attached Heritage Impact Assessment which considers the above relationships as an alternative assessment to the Heritage Impact Assessment accompanying the application.

The Society has previously focussed its comments on the inappropriate siting of the building and has not commented on its design. We now consider it appropriate to make such comment and I attach a critique on the design of the proposed annex.

I also attach an addendum to the document "Ripon's Kirkgate Park: An Appreciation" which we submitted previously.

Please would you consider the issues raised in the attached documents when considering the application. The documents supplement our previous representations and Ripon Civic Society still cannot support this application, which is not a sustainable development, contrary to national, local and neighbourhood policy.

Yours sincerely

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