STATEMENT FROM RIPON CIVIC SOCIETY ON THE WITHDRAWAL BY RIPON CATHEDRAL OF ITS PLANS FOR AN ANNEXE.

14 February 2025

Ripon Civic Society welcomes the decision of Ripon Cathedral to withdraw its application for an annexe to be built on the publicly-owned Kirkgate Park. This should offer the opportunity for the Cathedral authorities to have meaningful discussions not just with the planning authority and the City Council but also with Historic England and with local people, who have unfortunately been so divided over the plans. The Society has never denied the Cathedral's needs, and looks forward to finding a way of meeting them that heals the present divide.