

CFCE Determinations, 5 February 2026

Thursday 5 February 2026

- **Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury**, (Application 2 December 2025).

Conservation of a Grant from Offa and 'Professions of Obedience'.

Approved, 5 February 2026.

- **Cathedral Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary of Salisbury**, (Application 10 November 2025).

The Proposal The full restoration and conservation of the Cathedral's Jesse Window (s33) in the south nave aisle of the Cathedral. This follows earlier approval to remove one panel of the window in order to better understand the condition, and a site visit by CFCE in September 2025.

Summary of the nature of the work and its extent

A full condition report of the Jesse window was prepared in 2007. The Cathedral Architect's QI report of 2021 noted the need for works to be undertaken and the FAC discussed the need to progress this work at meetings in 2022. Chapter has committed to making resources available to undertake the work as soon as possible. Following assessment of the window panel removed in 2024/25, a new condition report accompanies this application for permission to undertake conservation of the whole window.

Approved 5 February 2026, subject to condition: that final details of the lead lines on the environmental protective glazing are decided by the Fabric Advisory Committee in consultation with the Commission's Head of Conservation & Collections Policy, since this detail was not currently available.

- **Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund**, (Application 16 December 2025).

A new visitor centre, including: alterations to No.31-34 Angel Hill Grade II* and II listed buildings, and the curtilage listed Anselm Building, which include medieval fabric; a single storey extension to the Anselm building of brick and lime mortar and metal sheet roofing; the demolition of an existing lean-to building and eco-yard garden walls; creation of a new West Cloister connecting to the Cathedral Church of St James Grade I listed building, the new West cloister is proposed to replicate the existing South Cloister in Clipsham limestone ashlar and metal sheet roofing; Cathedral cloister garth landscape design; Cathedral car park reconfiguration and reduction in car parking spaces; the addition of new bicycle parking spaces and new landscaping.

Approved 5 December 2025, subject to the following conditions: 1. That final details of the proposed screening of the ASHP plant on the cloister roof (which should include details of the reversibility of this aspect of the design, together with details of proposed mitigation to manage the acoustic impact of the plant) shall be subject to the further approval of the CFCE, following comment from the FAC. This will not require a fresh application under the Measure.

2. The works shall be subject to a continuous watching brief to be carried out by the Cathedral Archaeologist or her nominated representative. 3. If anything of archaeological significance is uncovered which would be disturbed or destroyed by the works, works shall stop to allow for consultation with the CFCE (via its secretariat) and shall not recommence until a mitigation strategy has been agreed. 4. If any human remains are uncovered, they shall be treated with due care and decency and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Advisory Panel on the Archaeology of Burials in England's Guidance for best practice for treatment of human remains

excavated from Christian burial grounds in England (2nd edition, 2017). The reasons for the conditions being (1) because these details are not yet available, and (2-4) to safeguard the archaeological resource and ensure the dignified treatment of human remains.

- **Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Ely**, (Application 11 December 2025).

Cleaning, overhaul and restoration of the Cathedral organ. Summary of the application
Comprehensive cleaning, overhaul and restoration of the existing organ in order to ensure, as far as possible, its reliable performance for another extended period of service (25-30 years). This will entail the dismantling and partial removal of sections of the organ in order to facilitate a programme of work to include the upgrading of the organ console, a number of tonal alterations and an assessment of the adequacy of the blowing plant by a specialist contractor.

Approved 5 February 2026, without conditions