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For the attention of David Clegg Esq.,

Dear Mr. Clegg

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Westminster Abbey Dean's Yard London SW1P 3PP

New stair and lift within poets' corner yard to provide access to eastern triforium level, with associated ground floor vestibule area and triforium level linking bridge.

Please note this more detailed response should be read conjunction with the Society's earlier response, dated 21st November.

This is very special proposal as the Council is no doubt aware. It is obvious from the descriptive material accompanying the application and it's presentation in the Access and Design Statement that a great deal of care and consideration has been given to the project, it's purpose leading to the proposal and the Application. The Society regards this application very highly.

The intention is to provide access to the remarkable area of the Triforium for the storage of valuable and interesting historical records stored by the Abbey. And further to make limited access for the public as well, to see specific exhibits and the wonderful view of the Nave.

The Society is of the opinion that the architects Ptolemy Dean and with engineers Max Fordham have presented proposals which take account of the physical and historic limitations: and show great sensitivity to the proposed location.

The application is supported by the copious descriptions, plans and illustrations included in the Design and Access Statement.

Subject to meeting Building Regulations, Health and Safety, including means of escape requirements, the Society considers the proposals to be sound, and that the application is acceptable in principle.

We trust our observations and comments are of assistance, and ask that our comments be made known to the Committee and Council.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

Tom Ball

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