

# Comments for Planning Application 18/01621/LBC

## Application Summary

Application Number: 18/01621/LBC

Address: York Cemetery Trust Kiosk York Cemetery Cemetery Road York YO10 5AJ

Proposal: Single storey extension and alterations to building to form volunteers centre with associated facilities and tool store (resubmission).

Case Officer: Lindsay Jenkins

## Customer Details

Name: Dr David Fraser

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultee response

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The Planning Committee of York Civic Trust considered this application at its meeting on 13 September 2018.

The Trust previously supported an application to build a similar kiosk in York Cemetery earlier this year (18/00384/LBC), before that application was subsequently withdrawn. The Trust supports this application.

York Cemetery is the most important historic cemetery in the city. It dates from the early Victorian period when it was designed as a garden cemetery. This has rightfully been recognised in being designated at Grade II\*. The layout of the cemetery and its buildings, which include the Grade II\* listed Cemetery Chapel and Grade II listed Cemetery Lodge, were designed by James Piggott Pritchett, an architect with a long-established connection with York (these include: the façade of the York Assembly Rooms; 2 Lendal; The Savings Bank on St Helen's Square, and Lady Hewley's Almshouses, St Savioursgate),

The current potting shed is prominently positioned alongside the Greek-Revival style Lodge at the front of the cemetery site on arrival. It is visible from Cemetery Road through the Grade II cemetery railings (in the autumn and winter months). All of which makes this a sensitive site for development.

This is an improved scheme compared to that which was submitted earlier this year. The inclusion in this application of the removal of the concrete store / garage at the front of the site near the Lodge is especially welcomed, as is the general improvements to the setting of the potting shed and wider site. The new scheme for the visitors' centre and tool store is also an improvement due

to the use of more appropriate choice of scale and materials.

For these reasons, York Civic Trust supports the application.