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Durham Neighbourhood Plan

I have skimmed through the Neighbourhood Plan and can confirm that the Cathedral will not be making any specific comments about the contents. However I did notice a couple of corrections that should be made and there is one rider to a correction.

In paragraph 4.215 there is a mistake: Lumiere is not biannual (every six months) but biennial (every two years).

Map 11 shows pedestrian issues. The map needs to be amended because surely it must be missing markings along North Bailey. This has some of the worst pavements in the city because heavy vehicles drive over them every day since the road is so narrow and other delivery vehicles are often parked. Cracked paving stones along the whole length of pavement are a trip hazard and look unsightly. I know that this will never be solved completely because of the daily heavy vehicles, but the principle remains that this is as bad a stretch of road and pavement as others in the Plan area which are identified. Also, in places (eg outside Bow Church) the pavements are not wide enough to stand on.

In the light of that comment, I did not notice a policy that contractors should restore road surfaces and pavements to their former state after digging them up. The Bailey (and elsewhere) has patches in the wrong materials which look unsightly on the pavement and often turn into pot holes in the road. As I only skimmed parts of the Plan, I may have missed a policy on that, or perhaps the plan is relying on the Council's existing policies, but it appears to be a significant omission.

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