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Dear Sirs

Additional area for the Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market for 1 year only due to the fire at 18 Cathedral Yard and the Royal Clarence Hotel. Additional area is along north side of Cathedral towards the Southernhay end of the Cathedral Green. 1, The Cloisters, Cathedral Close, Exeter, EX1 1HS.

Thank you for consulting the Devon Gardens Trust on the above application which affects The Close, an historic designed landscape which is included on the Devon Gazetteer of Parks and Gardens of Local Historic Interest.

The Devon Gardens Trust is very concerned about the siting of the Christmas Market on Cathedral Green as it creates large areas of bare earth giving a negative visual impact on Cathedral Close for the whole of January, February and most of March. The Green looks very unsightly during these months, and is unavoidable if the Christmas Market is allowed, as the laying of new turf and grass seeding cannot take place until the Spring.

The Devon Gardens Trust advises that the adverse visual impact of the proposed Christmas Market would harm the significance of the Cathedral Green. We recommend that your Council should refuse consent for this proposal.

Yours faithfully
John Clark
Conservation Officer