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Our Ref.: RA/2010

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Nikki Mitchell
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City of Westminster
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Dear Ms Mitchell,

London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London
Application Ref: 17/00769/LBC

I write regarding the above listed building application to install delay bars and speaker brackets in the auditorium of the London Coliseum. The Theatres Trust supports the application.

Remit: The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We champion the past, present and future of live theatre, by protecting the buildings and what goes on inside. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment: The Trust supports this application as we actively encourage theatre owners to continually upgrade and invest in their buildings and facilities to keep pace with the public's expectations and to meet the needs and demands of staging modern productions.

The Trust engaged in a pre-planning consultation with the theatre to discuss the appropriate placement of the proposed speaker brackets and bars and the ongoing needs of the theatre, and we generally agreed with the locations submitted in the application, and welcome the ability to 'cap' the new fixings when the brackets are removed and are not in use.

In our opinion, the proposal won't detract from the architectural or historic significance of the Grade II* listed building, but will support the venue present a greater range of productions into the future. We therefore recommend granting listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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