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28 April 2017

Mr Neil Hemington
Chief Planner
Planning Directorate
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
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Dear Mr Hemington,

Theatres Trust Annual Return

Please find below the details of the Theatres Trust's Annual Return for the 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 reporting period.

Background

Under the provisions within the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Planning (Wales) Act 2015, and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended in 2015 and 2016), the Theatres Trust, as a statutory consultee, is required to submit an annual return to the Welsh Government to report the timeliness and number of substantive responses provided by the Trust to pre-planning and planning application consultations.

Theatres Trust consultee status

The Theatres Trust is the National Advisory Body for Theatres. We were established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 and The Theatres Trust (Scotland) Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres'. These Acts apply to all theatre buildings in Scotland, England and Wales. Our 15 trustees are appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

The Theatres Trust delivers statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use through the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, Schedule 4, Para (r), (as amended in 2016) which requires the Trust to be consulted in relation to planning applications for Development involving:

- (i) any land on which there is a theatre;
- (ii) residential development (excluding householder development) within 50 metres of a theatre (not falling within paragraph (i)); or
- (iii) a proposed theatre.

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ANNUAL RETURN

Table 1: The number of pre-planning and registered planning application consultation requests within the reporting period received by the Theatres Trust.

Consultation Type	Wales	
	Received	Responded
The number of planning application consultations received from local planning authorities	0	0
The number of pre-planning consultations received from local planning authorities	0	0
The number of pre-planning consultations received from developers/ applicants	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 2: Timeliness of responses to registered pre-planning and planning application consultations

	Planning applications	Pre-planning consultations	Total	%
Total number of application consultations dealt with in 21 days	0	0	0	0%
Total number of application consultations dealt with in an agreed extended deadline	0	0	0	0%
Total number of application consultations in non-compliance within 21 days or agreed deadline	0	0	0	0%

Reflection/ comment: The Trust did receive listed building applications and also had a number of discussions with architects and building owners about possible future theatre projects, though these were not at the stage they could be considered formal pre-planning consultations. The Trust has also been heavily involved with the Welsh Heritage Group in providing feedback on the various subordinate legislation consultations relating to the Historic Environment (Wales) Act.

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However, given the changes to our remit in March 2016 related to residential development near a theatre, the Trust was surprised that we did not receive any planning application consultations. We intend writing to the local authorities to make sure they are aware of the new consultation requirements, and it would be appreciated in the Planning Directorate could assist in also reminding local authorities of these changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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