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Our Ref.: RA/3953

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Mr Luke Farmer
Lambeth Planning
London Borough of Lambeth
10 Wandsworth Road
London SW8 2LL

Dear Mr Farmer,

Temporary Show Venue/ Theatre Building, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH

Application number: 17/03658/FUL

I write regarding the above application for the erection of a temporary show venue for the period of five years. The Trust's statutory remit and advice are outlined below.

Remit: The Theatres Trust was established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provides statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use 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 Theatres Trust supports this application for the temporary change of use and construction of a show venue/ theatre (Sui Generis) for a period of up to five years on this otherwise vacant site to enable it to be used for cultural purposes until the site is redeveloped.

The architects, Haworth Tompkins, were responsible for creating the 'Red Shed', the successful temporary theatre space that was designed for the National Theatre and operated for three years from 2013-2017. We are, therefore, pleased that considerable attention has been given to the design of the building to ensure it both improves and contributes to the streetscape, but is also durable and has incorporated adequate noise mitigation measures to minimise its impact on the surrounding buildings. This will also help ensure the site does not fall into further disrepair. The Trust has no specific comments about the internal arrangement, as the layout has been tailored to suit a very specific piece of interactive theatre and as is based on a similar theatre space operating in Stockholm currently running the same show.

The Trust recommends granting planning permission. Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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