

Ref.: RA/9006065

5 September 2017

Ms Amy Davies
Development Management
City of Lincoln Council
City Hall, Beaumont Fee
Lincoln LN1 1DF

Dear Ms Davies,

New Theatre Royal, 9-11 Clasketgate, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN2 1JJ

Application Ref.: 2017/0838/LBC

I write regarding the above application for alterations to the New Theatre Royal to create an accessible WC. The Theatres Trust supports the application. Please see our advice below.

Remit: The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. 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 through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted on planning applications for 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Advice: The Trust supports this application to convert a storeroom into an accessible WC and for associated alterations to improve access at the theatre. The Trust actively encourages theatre owners to do more to upgrade their buildings to meet current safety and accessibility standards. The works involve alterations within the storeroom, which is not of historic interest, and the removal of a small section of wall to create the door width needed for wheelchair access. The theatre has a particularly tight front of house areas with a number of level changes, and the Trust supports the associated alterations to the access corridor from the proposed WC, particularly the refitted ramp and the widened openings into the bar, as these will improve access for less mobile audience members between the auditorium, WC and public areas, and will generally improve circulation around the theatre by reducing the impact of this 'pinch point'.

In our opinion, the proposal assists in the efficient operation of the theatre without compromising the heritage or architectural significance of the heritage asset and we would therefore advise you to grant consent and attach any appropriate conditions accordingly. Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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