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16 October 2017

Ms Jane Hamilton
Development Planning
City of Westminster
City Hall
London SW1E 6QP

Dear Ms Hamilton,

Lyceum Theatre, 17-21 Wellington Street, London, WC2E 7DD

Application Ref: 17/07444/FULL and 17/07317/LBC

Thank you for consulting the Theatres Trust on the above planning and listed building applications for the replacement and installation of additional CCTV cameras and an internal security shutter at the Lyceum Theatre.

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 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'.

Advice: The Theatres Trust support the proposed measures to increase security at the Lyceum for both customers and staff. The new CCTV system will replace the existing system and reuse the majority of the existing anchor points where possible. Where new cameras are required, such as the in the portico, they have been carefully located to minimise their impact on the structure. We note from the Heritage Statement that the height and scale of the portico and the location of the banner mean the impact of the new camera in this location will be minimal.

The proposed shutter to the stalls stair has become necessary as the stair is not visible to staff at the box office. The shutter is to be located behind a bulkhead in an area that was redecorated in the 1990s and does not contain any significant plasterwork or building fabric and will not be visible from the main box office corridor when retracted.

In our opinion, this proposal will provide much needed additional security without compromising the historic or architectural significance of this important Grade II* heritage asset. We therefore support granting planning permission and listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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Regards,

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Ross Anthony
Planning Adviser