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Mr T Ipgrave  
Planning Service  
Leicester City Council  
Leicester LE1 1FZ

Dear Mr Ipgrave,

**Haymarket Theatre, 1 Garrick Walk, Leicester**

Application Ref: PL/TEI/20172380

I write regarding the above planning application to create a new entrance lobby to the Haymarket Theatre. 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 by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

**Advice:** The Theatres Trust welcomes this proposal and supports the efforts made by the Haymarket Consortium Ltd to bring the Haymarket Theatre back into use as a live theatre to complement and enhance the theatrical and cultural offer in Leicester. Having been out of use for over a decade, we are aware of the internal refurbishment being currently undertaken to restore and modernise the auditorium, bars, box office, technical equipment and other facilities, while retaining the original look and feel of the original theatre.

The Trust therefore supports the creation of the new entry foyer and the replacement of the foyer windows with new shop front glazing. This will improve the connectivity and visibility of the theatre with the entry terrace, stairs and street below which, together with the additional doors and use of the balcony, will activate this theatre frontage. It provides a more direct and welcoming route into the theatre and is designed with a draught lobby to maintain suitable climatic conditions inside.

Overall, this should have a positive impact on the future operation of the theatre, and we recommend granting planning permission. Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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