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Application: 18/00758/FUL

Site: The Ramshorn Theatre 98 Ingram Street Glasgow G1 1EX

Proposal: Use of theatre (Class 11) as education facility (Class 10)

Remit:

The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in Scotland through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, 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 Trust is disappointed at the loss of the Ramshorn Theatre as a performance venue, as articulated in our correspondence with the University of Strathclyde at the time of closure in 2011. The theatre played an important role for the community such as facilitating amateur groups and supporting special educational projects for young people. The application contains no supporting information to justify the loss of the theatre and demonstrate that it is unviable and unrequired by the community.

However, given the building's special architectural and historic importance and long period of vacancy we welcome that it is being brought back to active use for educational purposes. The alterations proposed would appear not to preclude the possibility of reversion to theatre use in the future. Therefore in principle we **cautiously support** this proposal for change on the basis that further information is requested and received to satisfactorily justify the loss of the theatre.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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