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Application: 18/01201/FUL & 18/01202/LBC

Site: Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BB

Proposal: Partial removal of planting bed at front of RST and replacement with new dwarf timber walls, temporary timber decking, a temporary pavilion for performances, a temporary timber refreshments/information kiosk, and 4 temporary banners, with: (i) the pavilion, kiosk and banners to be in place from July to September only; and (ii) the decking to be retained until the end of March 2019 and then replaced with grass and/or other planting to be agreed.

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting the Trust on the above proposal.

The Trust welcomes efforts by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to cater to and encourage participation by younger audiences and those that do not ordinarily attend the theatre through the provision of a temporary performance pavilion along with an associated kiosk. The latter will also help to activate the theatre's north-east frontage and Bancroft Gardens. We consider the design of these facilities to complement their surroundings, although regardless of this they will be in place for such a limited time with no lasting impact to the setting of the Grade 2* listed theatre that we support this element of the proposal.

Similarly, we also support the proposed temporary banners. We note from the accompanying documentation there would be no fixings attached to brickwork, and the banners proposed are similar in nature to examples displayed at other Grade I and II* listed theatres.

With regards to part (ii) of the proposal, we do not object in principle to the partial removal/replacement of the planter although we would be keen to view and comment on a more detailed and permanent landscaping strategy. In the short-term though to help facilitate part (i)

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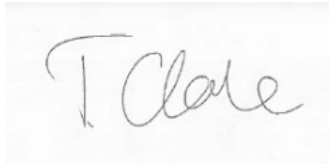
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and its objectives we support the proposal as set out.

In conclusion, **we recommend the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "T Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Tom Clarke
National Planning Adviser