

# Protecting theatres for **everyone**



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**Applications:** 18/01226/BC3 & 18/01227/LBC

**Site:** Palace Theatre 430 London Road Westcliff-On-Sea Essex SS0 9LA

**Proposals:** Replace existing external air handling unit and ducting above and adjacent to first floor Dixon Suite, replace 6 roof mounted air conditioning chiller units with 3 new air conditioning chiller units, replace roof mounted duct work, replace machinery in roof top plant room, renew flat roof and associated works; &

Replace existing external air handling unit and ducting above and adjacent to first floor Dixon Suite, replace 6 roof mounted air conditioning chiller units with 3 new air conditioning chiller units, replace roof mounted duct work, replace machinery in roof top plant room, renew flat roof, install new ceiling mounted air conditioning cassette unit to foyer and associated works (Listed Building Consent)

## **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'.

## **Comment:**

The Trust is supportive of efforts by theatre owners and operators to invest in and improve their buildings and facilities. This proposal would introduce a new external air handling unit, air conditioning chiller units and ducting with associated works to facilitate them. The new units would replace existing units in place, with a reduction in the total number of units and a smaller overall footprint than is currently in place. They would be quieter and more energy efficient which would reduce costs and in turn benefit the theatre's viability and sustainability, as well as

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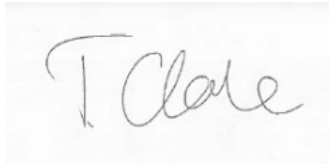
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enhancing the character of the theatre as a statutorily listed heritage asset.

Therefore we **support** this proposal and **recommend the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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