

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Applications:** 18/02184/ADV & 18/02186/LBC

**Site:** George Square Theatre 32 George Square Edinburgh EH8 9LH

**Proposals:** Three Non-Illuminated Fascia Signs; &

The placing of three new signs at the entrance to the building.

## **Remit:**

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## **Comment:**

This proposal for advertisement consent and listed building consent at the former George Square Theatre, now known as the Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre, has been brought to the Trusts attention. We were not notified as per our statutory remit, therefore please ensure the Council's database is updated and that we are notified of future proposals relating to theatres or theatre buildings in the city.

The proposed signage includes the theatre's name above the entry door with the university's logo to the left. To the right of the entry doors is to be a blue university sign consistent with others across their estate.

The theatre has at various times displayed banners, posters and signage, and a large noticeboard has previously been placed to the right of the entry door in the location of the

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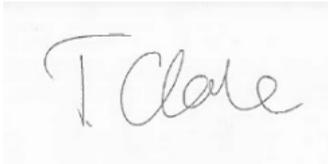
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proposed blue signage. We consider the overall proposal to be sympathetic to the appearance of the Category B listed building, with the blue signage an improvement on the current board. Therefore, we **support** this application and **recommend the granting of advertisement consent and listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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