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Applications: 2018/02058/VAR & 2018/02059/VLBC

Site: Walkabout Inn Including Part Of The Dorsett Hotel 56 And 58 Shepherd's Bush Green
London W12 8QE

Proposals:

Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission reference: 2016/04044/FUL dated 26th March 2018 for the "Demolition of existing building (with the exception of the frontage) and redevelopment to provide an 8 storey plus basement building, comprising entertainment use (D2) at basement and ground floor level, restaurant extension (to the neighbouring hotel) at ground floor level, with 74 serviced apartments on the upper floors (in connection with the neighbouring hotel)." Amendments sought to allow alterations to the approved drawings; &

Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of listed building consent reference: 2016/04045/LBC dated 16th April 2018 for the "Erection of a new single storey side extension (replacing existing modern extension) linking into the proposed development at 56 Shepherds Bush Green." Amendments sought to allow alterations to the approved drawings.

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'.

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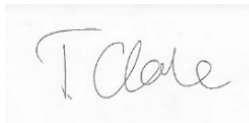
Comment:

Thank you for consulting the Theatres Trust on the above applications regarding amendments to the permitted application 2016/04044/FUL and 2016/04045/LBC at the former Palladium Cinema. The Trust has an interest in this application as the site neighbours the Shepherd's Bush Empire.

The Trust objected to the previous proposal as we were concerned about the impact on the operations of the Empire. Although the application was permitted, we welcome the inclusion of Condition 18 which requires details of sound insulation, a noise assessment to be submitted to the Council and that serviced apartment rooms should be orientated away from major noise sources if required. Please ensure the Trust is notified and consulted when the applicant seeks to accord with and discharge this condition as we would wish to scrutinise and comment on any information provided.

This proposal seeks to amend details of the existing permission, such as altering the unit mix, relocating the cinema use to ground floor, reducing the basement footprint, introducing a café to the Shepherd's Bush Green frontage and altering some design aspects. Although we remain opposed to the principle of the development due to the potential impact on the Shepherd's Bush Empire, a position that has been strengthened by the inclusion of paragraph 180 within the draft revised NPPF (2018) and Policy D12 within the draft London Plan (2017) which deal with proposals of this nature, this application raises no new issues. Therefore we raise no further objections.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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