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Application: 18/03155/FU

Site: West Yorkshire Playhouse St Peters Street Leeds LS2 7UP

Proposal: Installation of two temporary buildings for a period of one year

Remit:
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Comment:
The Trust was not notified by the Council of this application as per our statutory remit. Please ensure that for any future applications relating to the Leeds Playhouse or any other theatre within the Council's boundary the Trust is contacted for comment. We would also encourage the Council to engage with us as part of pre-application discussions and on applications for listed building consent and new theatre buildings, as many other authorities do.

This application relates to the installation of two portakabins which will be utilised as public toilet facilities whilst the theatre undergoes renovations; although we wrote in support of the works to the theatre we were also not consulted on more recent amendments (18/9/00152/MOD). The portakabins will be in place for around thirty-nine weeks, with the twelve month permission providing additional flexibility should it be required.

We **support** this proposal as it will help enable the theatre to remain operational during building works, and **recommend the granting of a temporary planning permission**.

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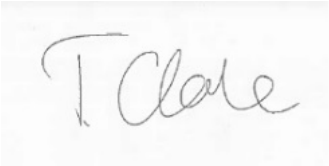

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