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Applications: 18/00657/FUL

Site: Brentwood Theatre Shenfield Road Brentwood Essex CM15 8AG,

Proposal: Two storey front and part two storey part first floor side extension with new entrance and fire escape, to provide additional foyer and bar areas, kitchen, stores and offices, lighting and sound gallery with extended technical gallery.

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:

Thank you for re-consulting the Theatres Trust following further amendments to the above application. We previously commented on 1st June 2018 and again on 10th July following the submission of revised plans. We note that since our previous response the listed building consent accompanying this proposal has been withdrawn.

The internal layouts of this further revision appear unchanged from the previous version. The alteration appears to predominantly relate to the external appearance of the south elevation where a sizeable part of the proposed painted render has been replaced with glazing and blue framed curtain walling and panels. We consider this to give the theatre a bolder and more contemporary appearance, providing a greater level of natural light into the gallery and foyer. In turn this will enhance the attractiveness of those areas, potentially making them more welcoming for visitors and offering the theatre potential for better utilisation outside of performance times which can boost its sustainability and viability.

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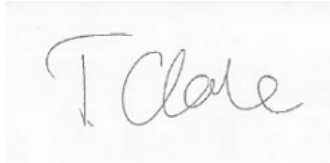
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Therefore we again **recommend the granting of planning permission.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
National Planning Adviser