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Applications: 18/04183/FUL & 18/04184/LB

Site: Oval House Kennington Oval London SE11 5SW

Proposals:

Application for Full Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for the demolition of the existing Ovalhouse Theatre and the construction of a part five part six storey hotel building (Use Class C1), comprising 95 bedrooms, ancillary bar and restaurant and associated landscaping, servicing, on-site parking and new boundary treatment; and refurbishment of the Grade II listed White House building consisting of the replacement of a modern single storey rear extension, the removal of modern internal partitions and the change of use of the second floor from B1a office to temporary residential accommodation (Sui Generis).

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 was not directly consulted on this application, which relates to land on which there is an existing theatre, as per our statutory remit set out above. The Ovalhouse Theatre is moving to a new facility in Brixton, which the Trust supported in our comments of 30th April 2015 regarding application reference 15/05282/FUL.

Although the Trust makes no comment on the proposed future landuse, design or scale of development at this site, we do not object to the principle of this development as the theatre/cultural use is being re-provided elsewhere within the borough.

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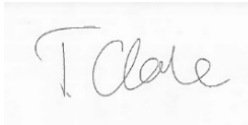
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Had the applicant not already done so through their supporting information, we would have suggested that a condition should be in place preventing loss of the theatre until such time as they are operational within their new facility. We therefore welcome the applicant's proactivity in this respect, which in turn addresses the key policy requirement for the loss or redevelopment of facilities set out in Policy S1 of the Lambeth Local Plan (2015).

Subject to the implementation of such a condition, the Trust has **no objection** to this application and listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
National Planning Adviser