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Application: 18/07293/LBC

Site: London Coliseum 32 - 35 St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4ES

Proposal: Replacement of the existing box office desks with a new box office which will include new signage and improved heating provision.

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting the Theatres Trust on the above application for listed building consent.

We would concur with the rationale for this proposal, as the current box office at the Coliseum lacks visibility and prominence. The proposed replacement is a contemporary design that is modular in nature, although is recognisable as a box office as it is reflective of traditional appearance. It is also more functional from a staff well-being perspective as it supplies heat from above along with under-desk radiation. We do not consider it to detract from the character, appearance and architectural significance of the theatre, although as an intervention it is reversible.

We would therefore **support the granting of listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss these comments further.

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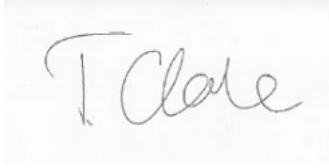
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