

Protecting theatres for everyone



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Applications: 18/08862/LBC

Site: Theatre Royal Catherine Street London WC2B 5JF

Proposal: Removal of asbestos containing materials from the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

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 consulting the Theatres Trust on the above application for listed building consent, which forms part of a suite of applications relating to refurbishment and other works at the theatre on which the Trust has commented.

In principle we would support efforts to remove asbestos and other such potentially hazardous materials from theatre buildings in order to improve the safety of audiences and visitors, performers and staff. A number of areas of the building within which the proposed asbestos removal will take place have already had works permitted. While some other areas such as the stage door/corridor, run and stair are identified as significant, the impact of the works will be neutral as some items are redundant and not of historic merit and some areas will be redecorated to match the original appearance. Other areas have no rated significance.

In conclusion we **recommend the granting of listed building consent**, although we would encourage the recording of any features or items of significance to be removed.

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

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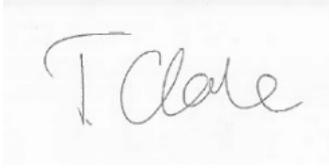
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comments further.

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
National Planning Adviser