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Application: 183000

Site: Colchester Mercury Theatre Ltd Mercury Theatre, Balkerne Passage, Colchester CO1 1PT

Proposal: Information boards fixed to temporary construction hoardings

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 Theatres Trust on this proposal.

The refurbishment and extension of the Mercury Theatre is an exciting project for which the Trust has previously written in support. We have no objection to this particular application, as it merely relates to construction hoardings and does not impact upon the future design or operation of the theatre itself. Nonetheless, we welcome that the hoardings will be visually engaging and present a history of theatre in Colchester.

Therefore, we recommend the granting of planning permission.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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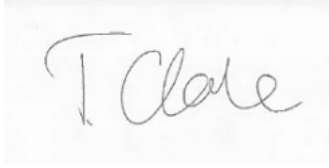
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Tom Clarke MRTPI
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