

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Applications:** NP/18/0687/FUL

**Site:** Events Deck, The Harbour, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire, SA69 9HE.

**Proposal:** Proposed Coastal Schooner Centre (mixed use for education, exhibition space/heritage interpretation, meetings and refreshments facility, use classes D1 and A3)

## **Remit:**

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## **Comment:**

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust regarding this application.

The proposal would appear to create a new event space with the potential to host theatre amongst other events and functions within a unique setting. Plans show a small theatre/performance space within the schooner, although we assume the primary function of this space will be to provide education rather than live performance. The visuals also show temporary outdoor seating with the schooner used as a stage or screen for cinema.

We are supportive of efforts to improve the cultural offer within Saundersfoot, which will benefit both local people and visitors. We concur with the supporting documentation which outlines the benefits to the local economy. This is not a formal theatre space, but nonetheless will provide a venue for theatre and live performance on an occasional/seasonal basis. We therefore have no objections to this scheme, and **recommend the granting of planning permission.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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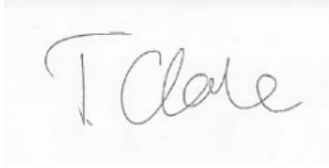
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