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Applications: DC/18/3210/FUL

Site: The Riverside Restaurant & Theatre Quay Side Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1BH

Proposal: Alter and extend existing premises to provide a second screen at ground floor level to supersede the originally approved two storey extension (DC/16/3385).

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:

Please note, despite our statutory remit outlined above the Trust was not directly consulted regarding this application despite having commented on the previous application and reminding of our role on that occasion. Please ensure the Council's systems are updated to ensure we are consulted on any future applications concerning theatres within the East Suffolk areas.

As per the previous proposal for extension of the Riverside, the Trust is supportive of the theatre's efforts to expand its offer and flexibility through the provision of an additional cinema screen. This will help expand Woodbridge's cultural provision and contribute towards Objective 15 – Physical and Community Infrastructure of the Suffolk Coastal District Local Plan (2013). Paragraph 92 of the NPPF (2018) encourages decisions to plan positively for the provision and use of community facilities including cultural buildings.

Therefore we **recommend the granting of planning permission.**

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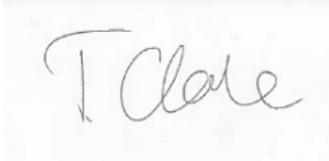
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The Theatres Trust Charitable Fund co-operates with Theatres Trust, has the same Trustees and is registered as a charity under number 274697

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
National Planning Adviser