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Application: 18/AP/4013

Site: BLOCK F, PART OF THIRD FLOOR, TOWER BRIDGE BUSINESS COMPLEX,
CLEMENTS ROAD, LONDON, SE16 4DG

Proposal: Temporary change of use of from use class B1c/B8 (Light Industrial/Warehouse) to Sui Generis (Theatre) for 12-month period.

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:

This proposal seeks change of use for a temporary period to facilitate theatre use (Sui Generis) for an immersive theatre experience. As such, it does not require a 'traditional' theatre layout thus no alterations are proposed making it easy to revert upon completion of the applicant's tenure.

We consider this change of use to enhance the cultural offer within Southwark and is policy compliant. The site is not designated for employment use and does not sit within a designated town centre or along a classified road therefore there is no specific requirement to justify the loss of B1(c)/B8 or provide evidence of marketing. Saved Policy 1.4 permits change of use from employment to suitable mixed or residential use. Irrespective of this, the proposal would ensure the unit remains active while a longer-term occupant is sought or alternative development considered. Emerging Policy P43 also supports new arts and cultural uses.

In conclusion, we **support the granting of planning permission**.

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

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
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