

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Applications:** 19/00122/LBC

**Site:** 2 Jermyn Street London SW1Y 4XA

**Proposal:** Installation of a ceiling hatch in main theatre auditorium for inspection of chandelier winch mechanism and structural and plaster certification of the ceiling; replacement lighting rail frame including strengthening of the existing balcony timber posts.

## **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. The Trust is supportive of the works proposed.

The proposed ceiling hatch will help improve safety within the theatre by allowing for inspection and maintenance of the ceiling, chandelier and wiring through the void above. The new hatch will be created through the removal and reinstatement of an existing plaster panel, thereby maintaining the auditorium's current appearance.

The replacement lighting rail will improve the appearance and appreciation of the balcony because it will remove the need for existing wiring which wraps around the bar. It will also entail strengthened support beams compared to those already in place.

In conclusion we **recommend the granting of listed building consent.**

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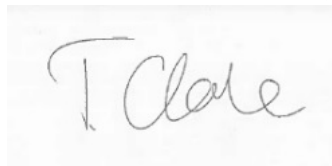
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Please contact the Trust if you wish to discuss this representation in more detail.

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