

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Application:** 18/08287/ADFULL

**Site:** 5 Great Newport Street, London, WC2H 7JB

**Proposal:** Details of programme of building recording and analysis and written scheme of investigation, pursuant to condition 11 of planning permission dated 29 April 2016 (RN: 12/03930/FULL).

## **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 which seeks to discharge condition 11 of permission 12/03930/FULL. This condition requires a programme of building recording and analysis of the existing Arts Theatre and approval of such work by the Council and the Trust.

The report produced is thorough and has been undertaken by reputable and recognised heritage consultants. There is a good level of written material, maps, plans and drawings. However, we consider it to provide insufficient photographic record of the Arts Theatre. Presently imagery is heavily weighted towards other parts of the building, with just a few photos of the theatre from 2002 and 1930. We acknowledge that historic photos of the theatre pre-World War 2 survive within the London Metropolitan Archives.

We request inclusion of a further chapter/appendix providing a fuller contemporary photographic record of all areas of the theatre. At that stage we would be willing to recommend the discharge

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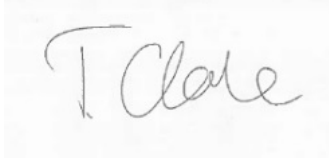
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of this condition.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

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