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Application: 19/00097/FUL & 19/00100/LBC

Site: Eastgate Theatre And Art Centre Eastgate Peebles Scottish Borders EH45 8AD

Proposal: Alterations to existing glazed entrance screen

Remit: The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in Scotland through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, 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:

The Trust is supportive of this proposal, which would improve visibility and accessibility for disabled visitors in particular into the theatre and its café. It would also create some additional floorspace for the café, which is often an important element of a theatre's offer as it assists with overall sustainability and viability and helps bring more people into the building.

We concur with the supporting Design & Access Statement in that the materials and colours will correspond and integrate with those existing. We therefore **recommend the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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