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Application: W/19/0146

Site: Talisman Theatre, Barrow Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1EG

Proposal: Erection of single and two storey extension on East side. Erection of first floor extension on South Side. Erection of 2no. single storey extensions on North and West side.

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 the Trust was not directly consulted on this proposal despite it falling under our statutory remit as described above. Please ensure the Trust is contacted regarding at further applications at the Talisman or any other theatre within the district.

The Trust **supports** this proposal which would result in the extension of the theatre. This is required to make the theatre better accessible to those with disabilities and in particular requiring wheelchair access, to provide greater foyer space to combat congestion, to provide rehearsal space, to expand storage space and to make more general improvements and upgrades within the building.

The Talisman is a community-orientated theatre and arts centre which is volunteer-run and hosts both professional and amateur productions along with events. It is an important facility for local people, bringing them together and providing opportunities for participation in the arts. We welcome efforts by theatre owners and operators to enhance their facilities which makes them more sustainable.

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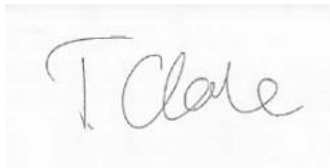
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Paragraph 92 of the NPPF (2019) seeks planning decisions to plan positively for community buildings and local services (which includes cultural buildings such as theatres), and to support delivery of improved cultural well-being. The proposed extension appears of appropriate scale for its surroundings within a predominantly residential environment.

We therefore **recommend the granting of planning permission**, as it will support the work of the theatre as a valued facility which helps support the social and cultural well-being of local people.

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

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