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Applications: 19/00186/FUL

Site: Empire Theatre Butler Road Halstead Essex CO9 1LL

Proposal: Installation of a 1.2m Satellite Dish

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:

The Trust was not directly consulted by the Council regarding this proposal as per our statutory remit as set out above.

The Empire is a community-run theatre and arts centre which is well regarded by local people. Paragraph 92 of the NPPF (2019) seeks planning decisions to plan positively for community facilities which includes cultural buildings. This proposal will help support the Empire's function. We do not consider the satellite to have a detrimental visual impact on its surroundings, neither would it harm the amenity of surrounding properties. We therefore **recommend the granting of planning permission**.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.

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