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Application: 19/002218/LBC

Site: Noel Coward Theatre 85-89 St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4AU

Proposal: Internal alterations including new flooring, refurbishment of two WCs and installation of internal window between the bar and rear of auditorium stalls.

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting the Theatres Trust on the above application, which seeks refurbishment of two sets of WCs and the opening of a window to provide greater visibility and awareness of 'Noel's Bar' from the stalls.

While this proposal will not increase the number of WCs within the theatre, we welcome the refurbishment and upgrading of the accessible and Royal Box WCs which are in need of repair.

We have no objections to the creation of a new window between the stalls and Noel's Bar, which should improve service for audiences.

We therefore **recommend the granting of listed building consent.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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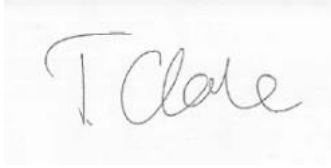
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