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Application: 191079

Site: University Of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ

Proposal: Installation of protective mesh/netting to the underside of concrete podia

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 Trust regarding this application, which relates to an area of the University of Essex which includes the Lakeside Theatre.

The proposal does not impact upon the theatre's layout and function, but is being brought forward to maintain safety within the university's podia from which there is access to the theatre due to the risk of flaking and falling concrete. Therefore we support this proposal and recommend the **granting of planning permission**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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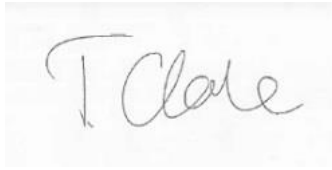
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Tom Clarke MRTPI
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