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Applications: DM/19/01804/LB

Site: Bishop Auckland Town Hall Market Place Bishop Auckland DL14 7NP

Proposal: External alterations including alterations to windows, install 3 new flag pole brackets and flags, new fascia boards, new opening hours panel and paint all front wooden doors, frames and iron gates.

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:

This application for listed building consent for alterations to the Town Hall in Bishop Auckland sits alongside a proposal for internal alterations for which the Trust is supportive.

Similarly, we are supportive of these proposals which will help enhance the prominence and visibility of the Town Hall as a social and cultural facility for the town. We consider that the colour palette is sympathetic to the significance of the building as a Grade II* listed heritage asset and meet the objectives as set out within the Heritage Statement. We therefore **recommend the granting of listed building consent.**

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

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