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Applications: 19/1762N

Site: Lyceum Theatre, Heath Street, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2DA

Proposal: Listed building consent for flat roofing replacement works to (new section) of building, basement structural remedial works and minor maintenance works to front and side elevation comprising of window repairs and decoration

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust regarding this proposal which, along with application 15/5853N for which we have commented in parallel, seeks to undertake required maintenance and structural works to the Lyceum to ensure the building's ongoing sustainability.

As noted within our other comments, we are supportive of efforts to safeguard and maintain the building as would be achieved through these works. The applicant has set out why these works are required, predominantly because of water ingress into the building and to secure the building's structural integrity. This will involve replacing the theatre's roof (largely covered under 15/5853N), works and repairs to windows which will enable their opening, repointing and general decorations. Internally there are to be basement structural works to alleviate subsidence and to

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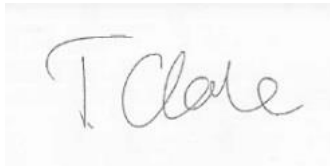
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improve ventilation and extraction to reduce humidity which is contributing to defects being rectified.

Overall this project seeks to sustain and protect the building as a heritage asset with negligible harm to its architectural and historic significance. We therefore **recommend the granting of listed building consent**.

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

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
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