

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Applications:** 19/00693/FUL & 19/00678/LBC

**Site:** Gloucester Guildhall 23 Eastgate Street Gloucester GL1 1NS

**Proposal:** Repairs to roof of Guildhall, repairs to parapet walls , Remove and replace any defective rainwater goods to match existing and Installation of solar PV to rear roof.

## 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 is supportive of this application for planning permission and listed building consent to facilitate repairs and maintenance at the Guildhall. The Guildhall is a Grade II listed heritage asset which provides a significant contribution to Gloucester's cultural provision.

The need and rationale for these works has been clearly articulated within the supporting documentation. This includes repairing leaks which are leading to further damage within the interior and other deficiencies across the building. Replacements will be on a like-for-like basis which means there would be no impact to the building's appearance and significance.

As part of these works new solar panels will be installed to the rear elevation. This will have some impact on the appearance of the roof when viewed from upper levels of the adjacent car park although it will bring benefits to the Guildhall in terms of greater energy efficiency. This will improve sustainability and viability.

In conclusion we recommend the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.

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

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