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Applications: 19/01122/T56

Site: The New Theatre 18 - 20 George Street Oxford Oxfordshire OX1 2AG

Proposals: Removal of 3no. existing antennas and replacement with 3no. new antennas. Ancillary works including formation of fall and arrest/climbing system.

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 proposal has come to the attention of the Trust as it involves development at New Theatre, namely the removal and replacement of antenna equipment and associated works.

This site is already used to host telecoms equipment and elevation drawings suggest the visual impact from additional apparatus appears negligible. The replacement antennas appear to be like-for-like in terms of height, appearance and scale.

We therefore raise **no objection** to this proposal.

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

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