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Application: PA19/02820

Site: Hall For Cornwall Back Quay Truro Cornwall TR1 2LL

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for alterations to previously consented scheme for the staircase and upper mezzanine to the Back Quay building.

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 is seeking minor revisions to previously consented refurbishment plans for which the Trust previously wrote in support. Specifically these will be within the theatre's ancillary office/flexible cultural employment space.

We have no objections to these revisions, which have been brought forward following fire and Building Control advice. It will result in a staircase being moved compared to the initial plans, the mezzanine floor being reduced in footprint and moved backwards and the balustrade to the mezzanine level being switched from glass to steel.

Hall for Cornwall is an important cultural asset for Truro and its surrounding communities, and we do not consider these revisions to detract from the special character and significance of the

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building. We therefore continue to recommend the granting of **listed building consent**.

Please contact us if you wish to discuss these comments further or should plans at Hall for Cornwall be further revised.

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