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**Application:** P2019/2469/FUL

**Site:** [National Youth Theatre] 443-445 Holloway Road London N7 6LW

**Proposal:** Single storey entrance and studio pavilion with associated landscaping. Additional window to south elevation and automatic opening vents (AOVs) to windows to comply with fire regulations.

## **Remit:**

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## **Comment:**

Thank you for consulting the Trust on this application which seeks to construct a front extension at the National Youth Theatre. This will facilitate a revision to the internal layout resulting in improved accessibility to the building and additional studios and facilities and forms the first phase of a wider programme of development. Therefore we are supportive of this proposal.

The front extension will utilise space immediately to the front of the building along Holloway Road currently allocated as a parking area, demarcated by low-level railings. The extension will house a reception area with member hub, a platform lift and an additional studio. Alterations within the existing building will include an accessible WC and an accessible WC and shower and a further additional studio. At present the building suffers from inadequate accessibility as a result of level

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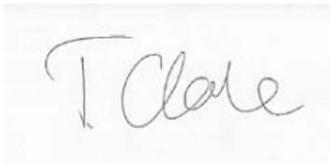
changes so we are pleased that these issues will be resolved. We also consider the scale and design of the extension to be appropriate and to improve visibility and prominence of the Youth Theatre creating a greater sense of arrival.

Alongside the extension there will also be some external alterations to provide additional windows and openings, for which we have no objections.

Paragraph 92 of the NPPF (2019) seeks decisions to plan positively for community facilities which include cultural buildings. We consider the purpose and scale of the extension to meet the criteria for extensions to social infrastructure and cultural facilities articulated by Policy 4.12.C of Islington's Local Plan: Development Management Policies (2013). Therefore we recommend the granting of planning permission.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'T' and 'C'.

Tom Clarke MRTPI  
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