

# Protecting theatres for **everyone**



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**Application:** 19/06327/ADV

**Site:** Leeds Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Quarry Hill, St Peters Street, Leeds LS2 7U

**Proposal:** Retrospective application for one illuminated sign

## **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 for advertisement consent has come to the attention of the Trust as it relates to signage at Leeds Playhouse.

The signage is already in place, having been erected for a temporary period in association with the recent Night Lights Festival in the city. It features a lyric from Tubthumping, a 1997 hit by the band Chumbawamba who had links to Leeds. It is now proposed that this lyric is retained for a prolonged period.

We do not consider there to be any negative impacts on visual amenity or public safety arising from this proposal, and the quote has some symbolism given the programme of redevelopment of the theatre.

Therefore we **recommend the granting of advertisement consent.**

## **Theatres Trust**

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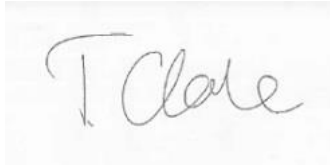
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Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or if you wish to discuss these comments further.

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