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Applications: 19/01530/LB

Site: Grand Theatre, St Leonards Gate, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 1NL

Proposals: Listed Building application for the removal of render and repointing to the Lodge Street elevation, installation of one CCTV camera and installation of a defibrillator cabinet to the side elevation

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:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for listed building consent at the Grand Theatre.

This proposal seeks to install a defibrillator cabinet and CCTV camera along with the removal of render and repointing to the theatre's Lodge Street elevation.

We commented on a previous application last year for another CCTV camera for which we expressed our support; the rationale for our previous assessment is similarly valid for this proposal in terms of it improving the safety and security of audiences, performers, staff and the wider general public while resulting in only minor impact on the appearance of the building.

The defibrillator will sit alongside the theatre's current advertisement board which is a visible and accessible location for this important piece of lifesaving equipment which could be used by the

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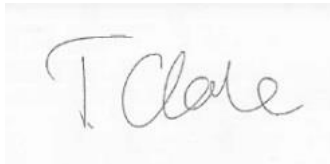
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theatre or the wider community. We would concur with the applicant that the location chosen is also the most appropriate in terms of reducing the visual impact of the defibrillator case on the character and appearance of the theatre as a heritage asset.

The need for the removal of rendering in terms of improving the maintenance and upkeep of the theatre to help safeguard the building has been clearly articulated.

Therefore we are supportive of these works and **recommend the granting of listed building consent.**

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



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