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Applications: 19/00487/PPD

Site: An Lanntair Kenneth Street Stornoway Isle Of Lewis HS1 2DS

Proposals: Erect covered cycle stand

Remit:
The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in Scotland through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, 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 has come to the attention of the Trust because it involves development at An Lanntair, which is an important cultural asset serving communities around the Isle of Lewis.

The application is proposing a covered cycle stand. The encouragement of sustainable travel to and from An Lanntair as well as other theatres and arts centres more generally is something the Trust supports. We do not consider that the cycle stand will have a detrimental impact on its wider setting, neither will it have any impact on the operation of the arts centre as a venue. Therefore we recommend the granting of planning permission.

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