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Applications: 20/00417/LBC

Site: London Coliseum 32 - 35 St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4ES

Proposal: Removal of ramp and installation of new lift.

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 regarding the above application for listed building consent at the London Coliseum. The Trust has assessed the Coliseum as being "of outstanding architectural and theatrical significance" and it was designed by renowned theatre architect Frank Matcham. This significance is reflected in its statutory Grade II* listing.

This proposal is seeking to install a new platform lift between the scene dock door to the rear of the theatre (Bedfordbury elevation) and the rear of the stage. This would replace the current ramp and get-in beam with winch, improving the efficiency of get-ins and get-outs and enhancing the safety of the working environment.

It is stated that no original features are to be removed or altered. In any case it appears from the plans that this intervention would be reversible. On that basis, we **recommend the granting of**

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listed building consent.

Please contact the Trust if you wish to discuss this representation in more detail.

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Tom Clarke MRTPI
National Planning Adviser