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Applications: 20/01484/ADLBC

Site: Theatre Royal Catherine Street London WC2B 5JF

Proposal: Detailed drawings of the the new lanterns to the Catherine Street entrance and fixings for the signage to Russell Street pursuant to Condition 3 of listed building consent dated 19 August 2019 (RN: 19/02973).

Remit:

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Comment:

This application seeks approval of condition 3 of application 19/03229/LBC, specifically to approve detailed drawings of lanterns to the Catherine Street entrance and signage fixings to the Russell Street elevation. The theatre is currently undergoing a significant programme of refurbishment, for which we have commented on various elements as well as on licensing.

In respect to the lanterns, fake flame lanterns are to be replaced by new light fittings by a specialist heritage lighting contractor. Technical information provided shows these lanterns to be crafted in copper with Victorian styling. We consider these lanterns to reflect the building's heritage, character and significance as a Grade II* heritage asset.

The second part of this application concerns high level signage. We have already commented on and supported various aspects of the theatre's signage and colour palette, and similarly we are supportive of this approach.

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In conclusion we are supportive of the discharge of this condition.

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