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Ref.: TC/3149

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Application: 20/01149/FUL & 20/01150/LB

Site: Royal National Theatre South Bank London SE1 9PX

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Erection of 11 temporary catering structures from the end of May to the end of October. Please note: The reference number for this Listed Building Consent application is 20/01150/LB but there is also an associated application for Full Planning Permission related to these works with reference number: 20/01149/FUL.

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 planning permission and listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it is proposing temporary development at the National Theatre, specifically for the installation of catering structures across a five month period.

The National Theatre has hosted similar programmes in previous years, although we note it is reduced this year as might be expected. Nonetheless, should this be able to go ahead either in full or in part depending on restrictions the additional income it will generate will be especially critical particularly in the event outdoor activities can take place but the theatre is unable to open its building.

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By its nature this type of activity does not harm the fabric or integrity of the theatre as a statutory Grade II* listed heritage asset, and helps bring people into the area.

Therefore we recommend the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.

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

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