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Application: 20/02754/FULL

Site: Piccadilly Theatre Denman Street London W1D 7DY

Proposal: Replacement windows to east side of the building.

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 has come to the attention of the Trust because it involves development at the Piccadilly Theatre, to install replacement windows to the theatre's east elevation. The theatre is not statutorily listed but can be considered an undesignated heritage asset within the Soho Conservation Area.

The theatre has been undergoing renovations, and we have commented on recent applications relating to signage and rooftop plant. Structural repairs have been taking place which has necessitated the removal of the current dressing room windows to the fourth floor; it is stated these cannot be salvaged for re-use due to their poor condition. The new windows, while of different design to those of lower levels on this elevation according to the elevation drawing, will be powder coated in black to match the colour palette of existing windows and frosted for privacy. They will also provide enhanced efficiency.

We concur with the applicant's assessment that these windows are in keeping with the building's character and recommend the granting of planning permission.

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

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