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Applications: 2020/01231/LBC

Site: Communication Station Shepherds Bush Empire Shepherd's Bush Green London

Proposal: Removal of 6no. antennas and replacement with 6no. new antennas and 2no. 200mm transmission dishes on new support frames internally within window openings and behind GRP mesh screens inside the turret of the tower; installation of additional Remote Radio Units (RRU)'s next to the antennas; installation of 3no. new equipment cabinets replacing 3no. existing equipment cabinets within an internal equipment room; together with associated ancillary works.

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 listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it relates to development at Shepherds Bush Empire. The Empire is a statutorily listed cultural and heritage asset currently in use as a music venue. It originally opened in 1903 and was designed by prominent theatre architect Frank Matcham. The building and any alterations are therefore of great interest to the Trust.

This proposal relates to the removal and replacement of telecoms to the Empire's roof to upgrade capability and coverage. Plans show there to be negligible visual impact arising from these alterations because the new equipment will sit within the same footprint as that which exists already. We concur with the applicant's assessment the proposal would not harm the Empire's character and setting.

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Therefore we have **no objection** to this proposal and would support the granting of listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or if you would like to discuss these comments in more detail.

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