

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Application:** 20/03552/FUL

**Site:** Odeon Princes Way Bradford West Yorkshire

**Proposal:** Stand-alone application for a revised external NPG (National Power Grid) Substation enclosure and RMU (Ring Main Unit) enclosure locations within the service yard of the Bradford Live project. The Bradford Live project received a revised planning approval in December 2019. Planning Reference 19/03998/FUL. The approved project will refurbish and extend the former Bradford Odeon cinema to create a live entertainment and event venue. The delivery/service yard design and layout was part of that approval.

## **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 has come to the attention of the Trust because it relates to development within the land of the Odeon.

The NPG and RMU substations sit to the rear of the Odeon within its sizeable delivery and service yard and will be housed within enclosures. This will result in an amended layout compared to that permitted in 2019 for the wider Odeon refurbishment scheme, which is a priority case for the Trust.

The substation enclosures do not impact on the operation of the Odeon as a performance venue, and we do not consider they would unduly impact on the building's character and significance as

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a non-designated heritage asset. Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments further.

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