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Applications: 21/00094/FULL & 21/00095/LBC

Site: Apollo Victoria 17-18 Wilton Road London

Proposal: Installation of replacement lantern glazing at roof level (linked to 21/00095/LBC); & Installation of replacement lantern glazing and replacement lanterns at roof level (linked to 21/00094/FULL).

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:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on the above application for planning permission and listed building consent at the Grade II* listed Apollo Victoria. This proposal seeks to remove and replace the theatre's rooflights and replace the glazing within the auditorium lantern at roof level.

There is clear justification for the works to the rooflights proposed, namely that they have deteriorated due to corrosion of their steelwork and are in an unsafe condition. Therefore removal and replacement is necessary to provide a safe working environment for staff and contractors who may be using the roof and for anyone below.

There is a heritage benefit from this proposal because the replacement of the rooflights would leave the safety handrails surrounding them redundant and as a more recent addition these would be removed. Furthermore the new rooflights would provide substantially greater insulation

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than is currently the case which will help improve the theatre's efficiency and environmental sustainability.

Likewise, the glazing within the auditorium lantern will be replaced with double glazing within the existing steel frame. Again this will enhance efficiency without impacting on the theatre's character and significance as a heritage asset of more than special interest.

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

Please contact the Trust if you wish to discuss this representation in more detail.

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