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Applications: 2021/01371/SCOEIA

Site: Olympia Exhibition Centre Hammersmith Road London W14 8UX

Proposal: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) request for a Scoping Opinion pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 for the partial demolition, alterations and extension for use as hotel (C1), providing 203 hotel rooms, cinema (sui generis) with up to 253 seats, school/community (F) accommodating circa 460 secondary school students, and theatre (sui generis) with up to 182 seats.

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 regarding the above request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion in relation to the part of the site which is currently a multi-story car park. We have been consulted because proposals for the wider development include a large-scale theatre and a large-scale music venue, and on this part of the site specifically a 182 seat theatre is proposed.

We welcome in principle the addition of a further theatre at the site and would encourage the applicant to engage with the Trust at an early stage to gain our advice and feedback.

With regards to this Scoping Opinion specifically we have no further matters to add that are not already identified within the Scoping Report.

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Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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