

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Application:** 0601/A/21

**Site:** Regal Community Theatre 24-34 North Bridge Street Bathgate West Lothian EH48 4PS

**Proposal:** Display of 4 illuminated replaceable banner signs and 1 illuminated wall mounted sign

**Remit:**

The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in Scotland through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, 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 advertisement consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it relates to new signage and lighting at Regal Community Theatre. The Trust wrote in support of the associated applications for planning permission and listed building consent recently.

In those comments we noted how we considered the Regal's new decorative scheme to strengthen its character as a heritage asset and enhance its prominence. Therefore similarly we are supportive of the granting of advertisement consent. We do not consider these proposals would compromise pedestrian or highway safety or the amenity of surrounding properties.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

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