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Application: 21/01325/FUL

Site: York Theatre Royal St Leonards Place York YO1 7HD

Proposal: Creation of external ramped access to patio garden together with hard and soft landscaping works to include modular seating, timber screen and new paving

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 this application for planning permission at the Grade II* listed Theatre Royal. The proposal seeks to undertake landscaping works to the area outside to the north between the theatre and De Grey House which will provide an improved external area with seating and new level access via a ramp.

Currently this area is occasionally used for outdoor seating for the theatre's café/bar, and is accessed from the street by steps. Parts of this area are visibly in a deteriorating condition. The plans would see an upgrading of the patio area with new paving and planting which will make it more attractive for users and improve accessibility. This is something we support; enhancement of ancillary functions contributes towards income generation which supports the theatre's wider offer and operations.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission.

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Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or if you wish to discuss these comments in greater detail.

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