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Application: 21/01647/LBC

Site: Shanklin Theatre Steephill Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6AJ

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for alterations to chimney and flue in connection with new boilers

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 is seeking listed building consent at the Shanklin Theatre.

The Shanklin Theatre opened in 1934 having been rebuilt on the site of The Institute, which also incorporated the Town Hall, following a serious fire. Parts of the theatre retain the original fabric and elevations of the Institute. It is Grade II listed with its auditorium adapting the original hall and a fly tower added with the 1933/34 works. The theatre is an important and valued cultural and community facility, run by a charitable trust with support from members and volunteers. It has a mixed programme of theatre, comedy, live music and other events. Paragraph 93 of the NPPF seeks planning decisions to plan positively for facilities of this nature.

The theatre is seeking to reduce the height of a chimney as part of works to install replacement heating. Images provided clearly show the chimney to be in an unsafe condition. Its reduction would not cause harm to the appearance and significance of the building as a heritage asset. Therefore we are supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.

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