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Application: 1092/LBC/21

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

Proposal: Listed building consent for installation of zinc cast plaque on front elevation of building

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 listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it is seeking the installation of a plaque to the front of the Regal Community Theatre next to its main entrance.

The Regal is a Category B heritage asset on account of being a good example of provincial cinema retaining its Art Deco interior and exterior with decorative plasterwork and rare modelled plaster panels by John Alexander. The proposed plaque commemorates and explains the building's significance both within Bathgate and its wider context beyond purely local interest. It will provide a marker which can draw the attention of passers-by.

Such plaques are commonly applied to heritage assets and other sites of cultural, historic or social importance. The plaque is a small-scale addition to the building which will complement its character.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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