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Application: 21/03629/LBC

Site: Trinity Theatre And Arts Centre, Church Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1JP

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Installation of new steelwork within the existing attic space in order to create a new independent floor space for a new key storage space

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 for listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it is seeking internal works within the Grade II* listed Trinity Theatre and Arts Centre to create new storage space within the building's attic area.

The attic space is currently little used other than for access to technical equipment and for maintenance. The theatre is in need of storage space, with the void within the attic space providing an opportunity to address this without compromising existing public-facing, performance or backstage areas.

The space will be created by inserting new steelwork between existing timber trusses which will support the new floor above. This area is not visible to the public and will help support the operation of this heritage asset without compromising the building's character or most sensitive features.

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

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Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments in greater detail.

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