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Application: 21/09311/FU & 21/09312/LI

Site: Grand Theatre 46 New Briggate Leeds LS1 6NU

Proposal: Alterations to existing void to create disabled toilets, cleaners store and ambulant toilet; &

Listed Building alterations to existing void to create disabled toilets, cleaners store and ambulant toilet

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:

These applications for planning permission and listed building consent have come to the attention of the Trust. They are seeking internal alterations to create an additional accessible WC, an ambulant WC and a new cleaning cupboard.

There is a general need for additional WCs and particularly accessible WCs. Therefore efforts to enhance or expand provision are welcomed.

These works are within a part of the building not currently used, containing two disused WCs and a void. Plans show these areas to have level changes which will be addressed by these works through the addition of raised flooring to align with the main corridor level. The area will be opened up with the removal of walls and a new doorway inserted to the main corridor. The two

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existing disused WCs will be expanded in footprint and re-aligned to provide an accessible WC and an ambulant WC. The windows from the existing WCs will be bricked up.

These works are within a relatively less sensitive part of the building but provide public benefits through expansion of accessible WC provision. Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.

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

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