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Application: 2021/03751/FUL

Site: Land Bounded By 58 Wood Lane And Westway London W12 7RZ

Proposal: Erection of five temporary structures measuring 11.5m to 26.1m in height to provide; two theatre event spaces; restaurant / exhibition / food hall space; wellbeing and collaborate space; and ancillary front of house space for a temporary period of 10 years, together with temporary access via a proposed link bridge to the south, landscaping and associated works.

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 planning permission for a new theatre and events venue for a ten year period utilising temporary structures. The site is pending redevelopment with an outline application granted permission as part of a large, multi-phase Masterplan.

This proposal is similar in nature to a previous temporary theatre which was in place in White City from 2019 until the pandemic. It will have the same operator, who has become established in creating meanwhile uses for theatre and the arts on similar sites. These include the Kings Cross Theatre between 2014 and 2016, Wembley Park Theatre which started in 2017 and is still in place, an outdoor cinema at Meridian Water in 2020 and film studios with offices and workshops also at Meridian Water. They have attracted high-profile productions.

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This proposal will bring a number of benefits. It will activate an otherwise vacant site, which will enhance the area bringing in visitors and acting as a catalyst for development within the Masterplan area. Just like the earlier White City scheme before it, this will contribute to the borough's cultural offer and broaden access to the arts for local people.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission on a time-limited basis.

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

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