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Application: 22/00180/FUL & 22/00181/LBC

Site: Joseph Rowntree Theatre Haxby Road York YO31 8TA

Proposal: External alterations to include upgrade of auditorium roof (including ventilation dormers); new metal roof to Fly Tower with smoke vent access hatch and PV solar panels (resubmission)

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:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust regarding these applications for planning permission and listed building consent at Joseph Rowntree Theatre. These are re-submissions of a previous proposal which the Trust supported in order to vary the metal roof to the fly tower.

Compared to the existing permission the method for altering and constructing the roof will be amended which means there will be addition of extra height raising the roof above the line of the parapets to the fly tower. However, this can be considered as a modest extension which will have little overall impact on the significance of the theatre as a designated heritage asset. Furthermore, harm is mitigated by the public benefits of the scheme in terms of improving the building's efficiency and sustainability and better enabling maintenance and repair which will help safeguard the building.

Therefore we again support the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.

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

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