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Application: 2022/00901/FUL

Site: Riverside Studios And Queens Wharf Crisp Road London W6

Proposal: Installation of 2no. Air Handling Units within the podium courtyard to serve the Riverside Studios arts and media centre located on the ground and first floors.

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 retrospective planning permission for two air handling units to serve Riverside Studios. A similar application was submitted in late 2021 but was subsequently withdrawn.

The units serve the studios, in particular Studio 2 which is the main theatre space. It is vital that there is sufficient airflow and climate control to ensure comfortable conditions for audiences and safe working conditions for performers and staff.

The applicant has now submitted an additional statement with this fresh application setting out that noise complaints received were in relation to louvres located elsewhere rather than the air handling units subject to this retrospective proposal.

The accompanying acoustic report states the units are acceptable in terms of amenity and noise levels.

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Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission.

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

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