

# Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Application:** 22/01156/LDLB

**Site:** Town Hall Mount Pleasant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN1 1RS

**Proposal:** Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed Works to a Listed Building): Repair and decoration works to all sash windows (other than those repaired and decorated during the emergency works of 2020) within the Town Hall and Assembly Hall Theatre

## **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 proposing works to the Assembly Hall Theatre to carry out window repairs and replacement.

The itemised schedule of works within the Design & Access Statement/Heritage Statement shows works to the theatre consists of a combination of repairs including filling, reputting and some strengthening works alongside some like-for-like replacements. There will also be general redecoration.

These works will not impact the function of the theatre and will help maintain and repair the building consistent with its significance as a designated heritage asset. Therefore we support the granting of a Lawful Development Certificate for these works.

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

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