

Ref.: TC/439

12 August 2022

Miss Felicia Onabanjo  
Lambeth Planning  
PO Box 734  
Winchester  
SO23 5DG

By e-mail: [planning@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lambeth.gov.uk)

**Application:** 22/02666/LB

**Site:** Brixton Academy 211 Stockwell Road London Lambeth SW9 9SL

**Proposal:** Replacement of the existing fire escape and the erection a temporary escape made from scaffold to be installed whilst works are being carried out.

**Remit:**

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 for listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it is seeking alterations at Brixton Academy for a temporary period whilst an existing fire escape is replaced.

This application is the same as we previously commented on in April 2022 which was subsequently permitted. Condition 3 required the scaffolding to have been removed and land restored to its previous condition before 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It appears that because of contractor availability works were not able to have taken place prior to that deadline.

Therefore our advice remains the same and we similarly support the granting of listed building consent.

We would suggest that on this occasion a condition setting a longer deadline for removal and reinstatement than was the case with the previous consent would be appropriate. This will afford the applicant additional flexibility should availability of contractors continue to present a challenge, avoiding the unnecessary cost, resource and uncertainty of again having to submit a

**Theatres Trust**

22 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0QL  
T 020 7836 8591 E [info@theatrestrust.org.uk](mailto:info@theatrestrust.org.uk) W [theatrestrust.org.uk](http://theatrestrust.org.uk)

**Chair** Dave Moutrey **Director** Jon Morgan

**Trustees** Paul Cartwright, James Dacre, Suba Das, Stephanie Hall, Annie Hampson, Richard Johnston, Gary Kemp, Lucy Osborne, Jane Spiers, Truda Spruyt, Katie Town

The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres

The Theatres Trust Charitable Fund co-operates with the Theatres Trust, has the same Trustees and is registered as a charity under number 274697

Protecting theatres  
for **everyone**



further application.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments further.

Tom Clarke MRTPI  
National Planning Adviser

**Theatres Trust**  
22 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0QL  
**T** 020 7836 8591 **E** [info@theatrestrust.org.uk](mailto:info@theatrestrust.org.uk) **W** [theatrestrust.org.uk](http://theatrestrust.org.uk)

**Chair** Dave Moutrey **Director** Jon Morgan

**Trustees** Paul Cartwright, James Dacre, Suba Das, Stephanie Hall, Annie Hampson, Richard Johnston, Gary Kemp, Lucy Osborne, Jane Spiers, Truda Spruyt, Katie Town

The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres  
The Theatres Trust Charitable Fund co-operates with the Theatres Trust, has the same Trustees and is registered as a charity under number 274697