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Application: 22/01348/ADV

Site: Shanklin Theatre Steephill Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6AJ

Proposal: Replacement of external lighting system on top of half of front elevation

### **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 advertisement consent for the replacement and upgrading of external lighting to the Shanklin Theatre's front elevation.

It appears from the image provided that lighting is already in place and this is just a replacement in LED which would be more energy efficient and therefore would minimise costs. This is to be welcomed. On that basis it would seem that associated listed building consent would not be required unless there are to be any additional installations or insertions through the building's fabric.

Lighting helps reveal the significance of the building after dark and improves prominence. As a replacement scheme for something existing we do not consider this would give rise to additional impacts on amenity and highway safety. Brightness levels can be managed by condition if deemed necessary.

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On that basis we are supportive of the granting of advertisement consent.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.

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