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**Application:** 22/06127/LBC

**Site:** London Coliseum 32 - 35 St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4ES

**Proposal:** Removal of existing steel projector brackets and their replacement with new steel brackets with increased load carrying capacity.

## **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:**

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for retrospective listed building consent at the Coliseum for removal and replacement of support brackets within the auditorium to support greater loadings for sound and lighting equipment. The Coliseum is a Grade II\* listed heritage asset reflecting its outstanding architectural and theatrical significance, designed by renowned theatre architect Frank Matcham.

The purpose of the upgrading is to support the greater size and weight associated with modern sound and lighting requirements for modern shows, so that the Coliseum can continue to meet the needs of its audiences and producers.

The works, which have already occurred, have now been properly documented and recorded through provision of plans and a detailed Heritage Statement.

Therefore we support the granting of retrospective listed building consent.

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

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