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**Application:** 22/01035/ADV

**Site:** Restoration Cafe Grand Pavilion South Parade Matlock Bath Derbyshire

**Proposals:** Retain painted signage on building

## **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 has come to the attention of the Trust because it is seeking advertisement consent for signage at the Grand Pavilion.

The Grand Pavilion is a Grade II listed heritage asset. For a time it was on the Trust's national register of Theatres at Risk because its future was in question due to the cost of operating it, a need for repairs and the vacancy of a large part of the building. It was removed after the Council signed a lease with a local charity with an arrangement to purchase the building for a nominal sum if successful.

This proposal relates to the Restoration Café which is being run from the building to help raise funds to support its wider operations and restoration. It seeks to add painted signage to the front and side of the café.

We consider the proposed signage and design approach is sensitive to the character of the Pavilion as an undesignated heritage asset. We do not consider that it gives rise to unacceptable impacts on surrounding amenity or highway safety.

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We therefore support the granting of advertisement consent.

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

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