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Applications: 22/08030/LBC

Site: 8 Argyll Street London W1F 7TF

Proposal: Introduction of new aisle-end guard rails at royal and upper circles (lower level).

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for listed building consent at the London Palladium. It seeks alterations to Royal Circle and Upper Circle balcony fronts, revising previously permitted curved ends for straight ends. The Trust supported the granting of listed building consent for the previous scheme.

The purpose of the alteration to guard rails is to align the heights with safety regulations. The applicant has stated difficulty in achieving the curved finish without compromising loadbearing capacity. Therefore for practical reasons a square design is instead being taken forward.

There is clear need for this intervention, and we again consider that decorative significance will be preserved. Therefore we are again supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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