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Application: CDN/23/0086

Site: Palace Theatre Oxford Street Manchester M1 6FT

Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Method statement) attached to listed building consent app. ref. 135728/LO/2022

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 to discharge Condition 3 of listed building consent reference 135728/LO/2022 in relation to erection of a temporary scaffold stair.

Condition 3 requires submission of a full method statement showing how the installation will be fixed to the building and made good upon removal. This has been provided by the applicant.

The statement notes that fixings will be made into a relatively modern brick wall, which is a less sensitive part of the building. When the stairs are removed the holes left will be filled with mortar and brick dust to match the existing brick and mortar. Samples will be made available for the Council's Conservation Officer to approve if necessary.

We are supportive of the applicant's approach, which is sensitive to the building's significance as a heritage asset. In turn we are supportive of the discharge of this condition.

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

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