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**Application:** F/TH/23/0182

**Site:** Granville Theatre Victoria Parade RAMSGATE Kent CT11 8DG

**Proposal:** Erection of a glazed entrance foyer to replace existing and erection of a ground floor side extension including internal alterations, together with three first floor extensions and a glazed part single, part two storey extension to rear, replacement of roof membrane and alterations to the surrounding landscaping including addition of steps, seating, planters and cycle storage

**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'.

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**Comment:**

Thank you for re-consulting Theatres Trust on this application for planning permission at the Granville Theatre following the submission of revised plans. In our previous comments we were supportive of the scheme but had noted some points for the applicant to consider further.

Previously there were two extensions above the building at either side to provide separate WC blocks. These have now been removed because the WC blocks have been unified and relocated to sit in front of the fly tower. This moves the increased massing to the rear which will sit to the same height as the fly tower. Although we had no objections to the original plans we consider this to be a more sensitive approach.

There is also now a revised layout for the WCs along the corridor to the north-west side of the building at foyer/balcony, originally there were three but there will now be four with the store cupboard having been moved. On the opposite side of the building the staircase which would have gone to the previous WC block has been removed and there is a new opening into what was previously a store for WC access.

Just off the lobby the WC block has been altered and will now provide an accessible WC and what appears to be a platform lift giving much-needed accessibility to more of the building.

As these revisions represent an overall improvement on the previous scheme we continue to be supportive of the granting of planning permission.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

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