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Pending Applications
Development Planning
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Application: 23/03240/LBC

Site: The Sondheim Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue London W1D 6BA

Proposal: Addition of brass demarcation studs to highlight position of existing entrance step.

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 for listed building consent has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it seeks alteration to the entry steps at Sondheim Theatre, specifically to insert brass demarcation studs.

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There is a small step between the theatre's main entry doors and the pavement beyond. This presents a trip hazard. Therefore the purpose of the studs is to improve safety for audiences and other visitors.

This is a minor intervention which we do not consider will unduly harm the theatre's character and appearance as a designated heritage asset. Improving safety is in any case a public benefit. Therefore we are supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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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