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Planning Services
Leeds City Council
The Leonardo Building
2 Rossington Street
Leeds
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By e-mail: planning@leeds.gov.uk

Application: 23/03698/LI

Site: Grand Theatre 46 New Briggate Leeds LS1 6NU

Proposal: Listed Building Application for re-roofing of the slate mono pitch roof including new insulation, breathable membrane and installation of five skylights and ventilation grills

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 the Trust because it is seeking to carry out roof works at Leeds Grand to the mono-pitch roof to the southern end of the building.

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The need for these works is that the slate roof has become damaged through slates coming loose and falling resulting in some water ingress. Due to unavailability of slates of the existing dimensions a different sizing will be used, and the opportunity will also be taken to install rooflights to provide natural light to the offices below which will improve working conditions. Thermal efficiency will be improved through installation of a breathable membrane.

We note that other roof works have been carried out previously elsewhere across the building. There is a clear need for these works due to current deficiencies which means the ongoing conservation of this part of the building will be achieved, and furthermore improved insulation and environmental efficiency constitutes 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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