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Application: 137808/LO/2023

Site: Opera House Quay Street Manchester M3 3HP

Proposal: Listed building consent for the removal of liquid plastic waterproofing and replace with lead to top of string course and other projections.

Remit:

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Comment:

This application for listed building consent at Manchester Opera House seeks replacement of liquid plastic weather-proofing, varying a previously approved consent for works to the theatre's façade and other elevations. This is due to further inspections discovering the previous coating to have failed.

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It is proposed to remove the liquid plastic and introduce a lead flashing detail, which is more normally used at historic buildings. The intention is to protect the building's rendering by preventing future water ingress.

On that basis 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 these comments in further detail.

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