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Application: 039792

Site: Abbey Street, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, , CV11 5BX

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for works and renovation to roof.

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 is seeking to carry out works at the former Ritz, specifically repairs and refurbishment of the building's roof through removing its asbestos covering and replacing it with composite. This will arrest deterioration caused by water ingress.

The former Ritz is a Grade II listed heritage asset. We have been supportive of ambitions to restore the building and bring it back to positive public use. To that effect we commented on pre-application proposals and a previous application for

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planning permission and listed building consent associated with change of use and associated alterations.

There is a clear need and urgency for these works to be undertaken. The roof is a less sensitive part of the building in heritage terms, and we do not consider that an alternative material will harm the building's special character and significance as a heritage asset. Care will be required whilst these works are undertaken to ensure that areas below are sufficiently protected whilst exposed so that there is no further or unnecessary damage and deterioration to sensitive features and fabric.

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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