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Application: 23/05876/FUL

Site: Kings Theatre 2 Leven Street Tollcross Edinburgh EH3 9LQ

Proposal: Cladding change to render for bin store. Infilling of windows to south and east façade. New door and window to café and change to guardrails.

Remit:

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Comment:

This application for planning permission has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking alterations to the major programme of development currently underway at King's Theatre. Specifically, it will see changes to the cladding around the bin store, the infilling of windows, a new door and window to the café, and changes to guardrails above the flytower. Some of these matters we have previously

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commented on at pre-application stage. We have also submitted comments on the corresponding listed building consent under separate cover as this also covers an internal change.

With regards to the alterations to cladding at the bin store, as stated within our pre-application comments we have no objection in principle to this change. Whilst some indication of finish is shown within the proposed elevation drawing it is stated that the cladding will match the rendered finish on Tarvit Street although that diagram (north elevation) appears to show no such render. This should be clarified.

We similarly make no objection to the infilling of windows to the east and south elevations, which will utilise reclaimed brick and we assume will match existing brickwork as is the case with previous infills. We also assume this constitutes a reversible alteration.

The new window and door to the café appear not to be clearly shown on the proposed elevations, but the proposed ground floor plan states the new window will match the existing windows within the space and this approach we would support.

The change to the guardrails to the fly tower is supported.

In conclusion we support the granting of planning permission but urge clarification on individual elements as outlined above.

Please contact us if you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.

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