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**Application:** 23/00923/LBC

**Site:** The Victoria Theatre Fountain Street Halifax HX1 1BP

**Proposal:** Replacement and addition of fire doors to basement, encasement of structural steel members, installation of new fire resistant roller shutters

**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 undertake alterations to doors within the Victoria Theatre within its basement level. There is a current programme of refurbishment and development planned for the theatre.

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The Heritage Statement sets out the purpose and rationale of these additional works, namely to improve fire safety and manage fire risk.

Images of the areas of change have been provided. These show that the works will take place within a less sensitive area of the building in heritage terms. Impact will be further minimised through new and replacement doors matching those within the area. With reference to paragraph 208 of the NPPF (2023) improving fire safety constitutes a public benefit.

We therefore support 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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