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**Application:** 2023/4972/P & 2023/5073/L

**Site:** Tower Court, Ambassadors Theatre and St Martins Theatre West Street  
London WC2H 9ND

**Proposal:** Fixing of 12 x eyelet anchors on Tower Court elevations of Ambassadors Theatre and St Martin's Theatre, and suspension of festoon lighting across Tower Court.

#### **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:**

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Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on these applications for planning permission and listed building consent. It is a joint submission from the neighbouring Ambassadors and St. Martin's Theatres which seeks to install eyelet anchors to each building for the hanging of festoon lighting to activate Tower Court between them and to make it a more welcoming environment for their respective audiences.

Whilst this will necessitate some additional drilling into the fabric of both theatres, we concur with the applicant in that this will result in minimal harm to the significance of those theatres as designated heritage assets. With reference to paragraph 208 of the NPPF (2023) this is further mitigated through the public benefits of better illuminating Tower Court and enhancing the experience of audiences and other passers by.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission and 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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