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Application: 24/00276/FUL & 24/00277/LB

Site: Royal National Theatre South Bank London Lambeth SE1 9PX

Proposal: Alterations to two exterior corner windows on the western facade., involving replacement of the top single-glazed louvred casement with a new double glazed side-hung outward opening casement and replacement of the bottom single glazed casement with a new double glazed side-hung outward opening casement, together with cleaning and retention of the existing aluminium fascias.

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:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on these applications for planning permission and listed building consent at the National Theatre. They seek to replace

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the theatre's corner widows along its south-west elevation, replacing the two existing single-glazed casements, as well as clean the separating aluminium fascias.

The reason for these works is that the two windows are inefficient as well as being damaged and presenting a security risk. Similar works have already been undertaken at the theatre's other corner blocks. The new casements will be double-glazed for greater energy efficiency. Internal guards will be installed which will enhance safety.

The replacement casements will match the design of those already installed elsewhere. We consider the impact of this work on the building's significance as a heritage asset will be negligible, but will nonetheless generate public benefit through greater efficiency and improved safety.

We are therefore 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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