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Application: 24/00643/FUL

Site: The Young Vic Theatre 66 The Cut London Lambeth SE1 8LZ

Proposal: Installation of solar panels to rooftop.

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 has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to install solar PV panels to various locations on the roof of the Young Vic.

Efforts to improve the environmental sustainability of theatres and in turn their financial viability from reducing their costs is to be welcomed. Paragraph 164 of the NPPF (2023) states significant weight should be given to supporting energy

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efficiency including through installation of panels. This proposal will also contribute towards the Council's ambitions for the borough to be net-zero by 2030. Furthermore, paragraph 97 of the NPPF seeks planning decisions to plan positively for facilities such as this.

We are therefore supportive of the granting of planning permission.

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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