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Mr Michael Crofton-Biggs  
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Oxford City Council  
Ramsay House  
10 St Ebbe's Street  
Oxford OX1 1PT

Dear Mr Crofton-Biggs,

**Oxford Youth Theatre, 64-65 Magdalen Road, Oxford**

Application Ref.:10/01725/FUL

Thank you for consulting the Theatres Trust on the above planning application for the erection of an external store. The Trust **supports** the application. Please see our detailed advice below.

**Remit:** The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres. The Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, Article 10, Para (v) requires the Trust to be consulted on planning applications which include '*development involving any land on which there is a theatre.*' It was established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 '*to promote the better protection of theatres.*' This applies to all theatre buildings. Our main objective is to safeguard theatre use, or the potential for such use but we also provide expert advice on design, conservation, property and planning matters to theatre operators, local authorities and official bodies.

**Advice/comment:** The Trust supports the application in principle because the new store will be a valuable and useful addition for the *Pegasus Theatre*. It has been carefully designed to be '*low-key*' fulfilling its function. It has also been designed to be in keeping with the general appearance of the area and is not out of scale in terms of height or bulk. In addition, the materials have been carefully considered to complement the existing outdoor structures as well as the associated landscaping.

We would therefore **urge you to grant planning permission**. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mark J Price MRTPI, IHBC  
Planning and Heritage Adviser

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