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For the attention of Fiona Dobson

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Dear Mr Morris,

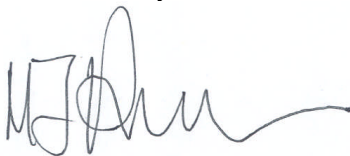
The Palace Theatre, 9 Green Street, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire
Application Ref: 10/0080/LB

Thank you for re-consulting The Theatres Trust on the above listed building application to undertake repair and maintenance to the *Palace Theatre*. The Theatres 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 continues to support this application for repair and maintenance works to the exterior of the *Palace Theatre*, Kilmarnock. The building has evidently suffered from water ingress and decay and a programme of renovation is urgently needed to ensure that it continues to be an asset to the local community. In particular we are glad to see that a Detailed Schedule of External Works has now been submitted setting out the specific works proposed and how they will be implemented. We support the aim of minimum intervention to the historic fabric of the building balanced with the need for replacement of badly eroded areas and welcome these essential maintenance works proposed for this Category A listed building. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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