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For the attention of Mr Matthew Mason

Mr John Walker  
Operational Director Development Planning  
Development Planning  
Westminster City Hall  
64 Victoria Street  
London SW1E 6QP



Dear Mr Walker,

**Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AP**  
**Application Refs: 10/04991/TCH & 10/04992/TCH**

Thank you for consulting The Theatres Trust on the above applications for the placement of temporary outdoor furniture to the North and South Porches of the *Royal Albert Hall*. 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, old and new, in current use, in other uses, or disused.

**Advice/comment:** The Trust **supports** the application because the outdoor seating will enliven the *Royal Albert Hall* and surrounding Kensington area and attract more visitors to the building, particularly during the daytime. There is currently no such provision close to the Hall, with the majority of cafes concentrated some distance away in the vicinity of South Kensington Underground Station. It would therefore be a welcome addition to the area. The proposed furniture will not affect the existing parking or access arrangements to the building and is lightweight, foldable and unobtrusive. Furthermore, due to the limited size and temporary nature of the proposals it is not considered that they will have an adverse impact on the existing neighbouring buildings. **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

cc. Mr Viktor Stana, Architect, BDP

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