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Dear Mr Baglee,

**Borough Theatre, Wallsend: Salvage of architectural fittings of significance**

Thank you for your email dated 17 August 2010. It was good to meet you at the *Borough Theatre* on 12 August to assess the potential salvage of architecturally significant and historic features, fixtures and fittings of value. I have set out below a list of items that The Theatres Trust would like to see salvaged. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any of the descriptions are unclear. In addition to the list, there may be other fittings that come to light such as the entrance doors you mentioned, and I would be grateful if you would retain such fittings in the first instance.

As you are aware, this building has high quality fixtures and fittings which The Theatres Trust considered worthy of preservation through statutory listing. It is regrettable that salvage is all we can achieve at this stage.

**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.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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## **List of salvage of significant features, fixtures and fittings**

### **Externally**

- 1 Curved balcony
- 2 External copper roof vent

### **Auditorium**

- 1 Section of proscenium frame
- 2 Central cartouche to proscenium frame
- 3 Both statues
- 4 A niche (in total) where the statue is installed (including drops)
- 5 A box (in total)
- 6 A column ante-proscenium (including capitals and bases)
- 7 A pilaster ante-proscenium (including capitals and bases)
- 8 A flat panel (including decorative mask) from below statue
- 9 Section of circle front
- 10 Section of balcony front
- 11 Sunburner
- 12 Sections of ceiling mouldings (and the strap detail)
- 13 A ceiling rose
- 14 Three seats

### **Front of house**

- 1 Pair of doors at first floor (with circular windows)
- 2 Section of Anaglypta from first floor (above suspended ceiling)