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For the attention of Mr Charles Rose

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Dear Ms Stopard,

The Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WCH 8DP
Application Ref: 2010/3025/L

Thank you for consulting The Theatres Trust on the above application for the replacement of the front entrance doors and windows of the *Shaftesbury Theatre* (Sui Generis). The Trust has **no objection** to the application. **Please see our detailed advice and suggested condition 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 has **no objection** to the application, although it should be noted that we do regret the loss of the historic timber doors and would ideally prefer to see them sympathetically repaired as opposed to replaced. We only accept the full replacement of the doors because we understand that a suitably qualified specialist has undertaken an inspection onsite and was able to confirm that they are beyond repair. We are, however, keen to see the existing stained glass, ironmongery and 3 timber transom lights retained. Therefore, we would suggest that their reuse and incorporation into the new doors and frames be **conditioned as a reserved matter** prior to the commencement of any works, as at present it is unclear from the plans whether the applicants intend to retain these elements.

Yours sincerely,

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Planning and Heritage Adviser

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