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Application: 22/02489/FUL

Site: 99-101, 103/107, 117 And 109-119 Waterloo Road And 124-126 Cornwall Road London SE1 8UL

Proposal: Demolition of 99-101 Waterloo Road, 103-107 Waterloo Road, 124 and 126 Cornwall Road and redevelopment for a new office building (Class E g) and flexible ancillary uses (Class E a, b) together with the refurbishment of 109-119 Waterloo Road (Mercury House) for Class E a, b, and g uses, and works to the public highway, public realm, new landscaping, ancillary and enabling works, plant and equipment.

Remit:

The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for redevelopment. We have been notified because the site is a short distance from the Grade II* listed Old Vic and within its wider setting.

The proposed development site is north/north-west of the Old Vic with The Cut and Emma Cons Gardens sitting between them. It will be significantly taller than the existing building on the site. Nonetheless, having assessed the surround setting context we are of the opinion that the new development will not compromise or detract from the existing setting and significance of the Old Vic. Whilst the development will be visible beyond the theatre when viewed from the south-east along Waterloo Road and Webber Street, there are existing tall buildings directly behind.

Therefore we raise no objection to the granting of planning permission.

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It must be noted that these comments relate entirely to potential impact on the Old Vic. We make no comment on the overall scale and form of development or to the proposed mix of uses.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments further.

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