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**Application:** 7-2022-1570-BB

**Site:** Land at Pavilion Theatre, Westover Road Bournemouth BH1 2BU

**Proposal:** Use of site for the installation of temporary igloo domes for seating, tent with container seating, food, beverage and WC containers, food truck, associated decking, tables, chairs and ski gondola seating with festoon lighting between 4th November and the 4th January (2 month period) on an annual basis

## **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 planning permission, which will facilitate a temporary winter event for a two month period each year.

The current proposal includes structures for seating, bars, food serveries and preparation and supporting infrastructure and decoration/lighting. These will sit around the perimeter of the theatre.

Whilst the theatre is a Grade II listed heritage asset, as temporary installations these will not cause lasting harm to the building's character or setting. Any temporary harm during the period of the events is mitigated by the public benefits of activating this space and drawing in additional visitors which may encourage further engagement with the theatre's cultural offer. There are existing examples of external seasonal events and structures located at other theatres around

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the country.

The duration of events and if necessary the making good of the site after clearance can be managed by way of condition.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of planning permission.

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

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