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Application: 06/2022/0663

Site: Former Odeon Cinema, 150-154, Church Street, Preston, PR1 3BU

Proposal: Partial demolition of the existing buildings and restoration of the site

Remit:

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:

We previously submitted comments on 15th July 2022 objecting to the total loss of the remaining parts of the former New Victoria Theatre/Odeon.

Revised plans have now been submitted which will retain the areas subject to our previous concerns. We are therefore supportive of this approach and are in a position to withdraw our objection. We hope that the applicant can work positively with relevant stakeholders to find a positive future re-use and sensitive redevelopment of the wider site, and are keen for them to engage with us as plans may progress.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss these comments further.

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