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Application: 2022/5141/L

Site: Ambassadors Theatre West Street London WC2H 9ND

Proposal: Waterproofing and strengthening works to stalls-evel bar and accessible WC; repairs to lantern roof, including replacement of delaminated slates, installation of membrane and battens to north-east and north-west.

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:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust regarding this application for listed building consent at Ambassadors Theatre, which seeks to carry out remediation following discovery of various defects whilst undertaking the theatre's current refurbishment project for which we previously wrote in support. This is particularly as a result of water ingress due to the poor repair of lantern to the roof, water within the basement and delamination of steel beams within the basement reducing loading capacity. The works are part-retrospective; we understand the strengthening works have already been carried as part of the first phase of the wider project. The repairs to the lantern roof will take place subsequently.

There is clear need and justification for these additional works to ensure the future conservation and safe ongoing operation of Ambassadors Theatre as an important venue and heritage asset

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within the West End. We consider the approach to be appropriate and are supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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

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