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Applications: 22/00417/HBCFUL

Site: The Brindley Theatre High Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1BG

Proposals: Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary

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 re-consulting Theatres Trust on this application at The Brindley following submission of revised plans. for planning permission at The Brindley, which seeks an extension to the building to incorporate a library and new front of house facilities along with external landscaping.

In our previous comments we were supportive of the project and of the granting of planning permission. We had however noted that it would need to be ensured that with the building's glazed design there was sufficient protection from overheating, and adequate ventilation.

This has been addressed through this amendment to the scheme, with additional measures to prevent overheating and reduce glare which includes ceramic coated glass to returns and digital printing to glass by the entrance.

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Further changes include the removal of a set of four poster boards from the northern elevation but the addition of high-level illuminated signage to the fly tower (southern elevation). This will help to enhance visibility and prominence. To the west elevation will be the addition of two louvres, and the location of PV panels to the roof will be revised.

We have no objection to these amendments, welcoming that our previous comments on glazing have been given further thought. We remain supportive of the granting of planning permission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T Clarke".

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