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Application: 23/02085/FULL & 23/02086/LBC

Site: The Gielgud Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue London W1D 6AR

Proposal: Repairs and maintenance to the roof, windows and doors; and cleaning and repair works to the stone and brick facade. Installation of lighting to the facade.

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 consulting Theatres Trust on these applications for planning permission and listed building consent at the Gielgud. They seek to undertake repairs and maintenance to the building along with installation of lighting to the façade.

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These proposals were originally submitted in 2019 and the Trust wrote in support on 12th July of that year. They were permitted, but due to the pandemic and the particular pressures and uncertainties which faced the sector they were not commenced and the existing permissions have now lapsed.

The covering letter states the plans are unchanged, and we note the submitted documents date from 2019 or earlier. Therefore our advice is unchanged and we again support the granting of planning permission and listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.

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