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Application: 23/01626/LB

Site: Royal National Theatre South Bank London Lambeth SE1 9PX

Proposal: Installation of two internal illuminated signage at the Terrace Restaurant and Bar, three illuminated signs at the railings fronting the Terrace Restaurant and Bar and two illuminated signs at the staircase fronting the Royal National Theatre.

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 on this application for listed building consent at the National Theatre. It seeks installation of signage associated with refurbishment and change of operation of its Terrace Restaurant which we commented on previously under a separate application.

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Two of the signs are located along a stairway and will replace previous signage to reflect the branding of the new operator. These do not generate any additional impact on the building and its setting compared to what is already in place. A further three signs are to the external terrace area of the restaurant along its railings, two to the north-west elevation and one to the south-west. Two of these already exist and will be replacements, but one will be additional.

The remaining two signs will be internally located within the theatre's foyer area.

These proposals are reversible, but in any case we consider additional impact from new signage not already in place to be minimal. Therefore we can support the granting of 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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