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**Application:** 23/03861/LBC

**Site:** 49 Aldwych London WC2B 4DF

**Proposal:** Installation of X6 permanent concealed 750x500mm access hatches to the existing Dress and Grand circle ceilings.

#### **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 this application for listed building consent at the Aldwych Theatre. It seeks to install six concealed access hatches – three to each of the Dress Circle and Grand Circle ceilings – for the purposes of enabling survey

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and inspections of the plaster ceilings in those location as well as ongoing maintenance.

Whilst interruption to plasterwork is regrettable, the harm arising is mitigated through being located to less sensitive fabric but moreover they enable important access for inspection to address current plasterwork deficiencies and to enable ongoing maintenance. This will help ensure ongoing conservation. We note that materials and design will correspond with existing plasterwork in the locations of the hatches.

Therefore we raise no objections to the granting of listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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