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Application: 23/AP/2775

Site: Shakespeare Globe Theatre 21 New Globe Walk London Southwark SE1 9DT

Proposal: Installation of extraction flue.

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:

This application for planning permission has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to install an extraction flue at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

The Globe Theatre is a recreation of an Elizabethan playhouse a short distance from the original Globe Theatre which was built in 1599, later rebuilt in 1614 after a fire and demolished in 1644. It opened in 1997 and has been a successful addition to London's theatre offer. Whilst not yet itself of historic significance (although it has

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been nominated for inclusion on the borough's local heritage register) it is located within a sensitive setting adjacent to the Bear Gardens Conservation Area and in proximity to designated heritage assets around the site.

The purpose of the proposed flue is to support enhanced fire safety measures to meet current standards and best practice. Specifically, it will support a standby generator to operate evacuation lifts and sprinkler pumps. Although an additional installation which will add some further height to the corner of the theatre's southern elevation we consider the impact is minor and it will not unacceptably harm character and setting. Furthermore the enhancement of safety for audiences, performers, staff and other visitors constitutes a public benefit.

We are therefore supportive of the granting of planning permission.

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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