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**Application:** 2024/0289/LBC

**Site:** Royal And Derngate Theatres Guildhall Road Northampton NN1 1DP

**Proposal:** Listed building consent to undertake works to internal doors and building fabric

### **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'.

### **Theatres Trust**

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**Comment:**

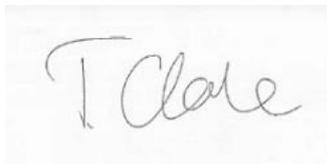
This application for listed building consent has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to undertake alterations to and replacement of various doors within the Royal & Derngate.

The reason for these works is to bring the doors up to current fire safety standards as required by the theatre's insurers, following recent fire risk assessment and inspection.

Door sets which were later additions through the 1980s refurbishment will be replaced. We have no objection to this approach. Original doors will be retained but with replacement glazing and in some cases intumescent door strips will be added to the bottom edges. Whilst this results in a limited degree of alteration and harm, we consider the applicant's outlined approach to be appropriate and there is a public benefit in meeting safety standards and enabling the venue to continue to operate.

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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