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Application: 24/02391/LBC

Site: London Coliseum 32 - 35 St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4ES

Proposal: Repair and replacement of two asphalt roof areas (Area 8 and part of Area 20) to the building.

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 Coliseum. It relates to a project seeking to undertake structural repair and refurbishment to the theatre's roof, for which there are separate applications relating to different areas. The applicant met with us to present these plans prior to submission. We have already submitted comments on three elements. The Coliseum

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is a Grade II* listed heritage asset reflecting its outstanding architectural and theatrical significance.

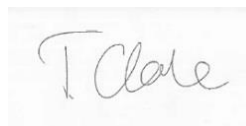
There is a clear need for these works and this is outlined within the applicant's Heritage Statement. The project is to address general maintenance as well as arrest specific deterioration and water ingress which in turn threatens the building's sensitive fabric and features. This application covers two areas marked 8 and 20 on the applicant's roof plan. Area 8 is an asphalt-covered roof to the north-west of the building and area 20 is a small asphalt-covered area towards the rear of the theatre on its southern end.

For area 8 the roof finish is failing and there is water ingress causing structural decay and internal damage. Photographs have been provided. Therefore decayed areas will be removed with structural repairs undertaken and a cold applied liquid membrane and single ply covering laid.

For area 20 there is similar damage and water ingress. The same nature of repair will be undertaken in this area.

These works are demonstrably necessary to effectively maintain and repair the building and to help ensure its ongoing operation and conservation. We are therefore supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.



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