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**Application:** 7-2024-1570-BH

**Site:** Pavilion Theatre, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU

**Proposal:** Use of rear terrace for the seasonal installation of three cladded shipping containers and a fish and chips van for a temporary period and associated seating, picnic tables and festoon lighting - Retrospective application

**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 retrospective application for planning permission, which will facilitate the siting of three shipping containers and a food van with associated seating and installations for a temporary period outside the Pavilion Theatre between March and October 2024.

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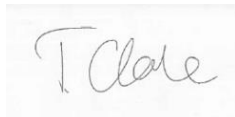
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These installations will be in the same location as seasonal winter igloo domes, tent, gondolas and food and beverage stands for which permission was granted in 2022, and which we supported in our comments at the time. This area has been utilised for temporary events previously, helping to activate hard landscaping, drawing additional visitors to the theatre and generating additional income to support the theatre and its programme.

Whilst the theatre is a Grade II listed heritage asset as temporary installations there is not lasting or irreversible harm to the building's character and setting. The activation of this space can in any case be considered a public benefit, with reference to paragraph 208 of the NPPF (2023). There are other examples of external seasonal events and structures located at other theatres around the country.

We are therefore supportive of the granting of planning permission.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments further.



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