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**Application:** 25/P/00138

**Site:** Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook, Guildford, GU1 3UX

**Proposal:** Listed Building Consent for the removal and replacement of 3 no. existing antennas with 3 no. upgraded antennas, the relocation of 2 no. existing antennas and the installation of 1 no. GPS node within the existing GRP shrouds, and ancillary development thereto, including the removal and replacement of the existing MHAs with upgraded MHAs and active routers on new frames fixed to the wall and internal works within the equipment room.

## **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:

Thank you consulting Theatres Trust on this application for listed building consent at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. It seeks to replace and upgrade telecommunications equipment located to the theatre's roof as well as carry out some related internal alterations within the equipment room. We have similarly been consulted on the corresponding application for planning permission.

The existing equipment is operated by a third party and is located on and around the fly tower roof at the theatre. This has become redundant and will be removed in order to replace it with new equipment to support 4G technology and connectivity.

Broadly the new and replacement equipment will be of similar scale and utilising the same locations, but there will also be some additional installations and insertions. Nonetheless, we consider this to be at the lower end of less than substantial harm and we do not consider that it will cause undue harm to the setting and special interest of this heritage asset. Similarly, the equipment room is not a sensitive element of the theatre. These changes are reversible, and improved telecoms coverage across the local area can be considered a public benefit in mitigation.

We therefore raise no objection to 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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