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Application: 040789

Site: Abbey Street, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, , CV11 5BX

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition. (040315)

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for approval of details in relation to conditions 3 and 4 of permission reference 040315 at the former Ritz, Nuneaton.

Condition 3 restricts replacement of external doors and windows unless details are

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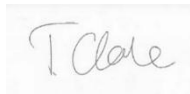
provided to the satisfaction of the council. The elevation drawings submitted with this application state on an annotation that all existing windows will be replaced in a similar style utilising white painted metal frames as is current the case (although on the diagram these appear to be grey and the note at the bottom says black). Whilst the colour palette might be further clarified we have no objection to use of an alternative colour to white providing it is sensitive to the building's character and significance, as we consider the illustrations to be. In line with Historic England guidance, and to minimise environmental impact, we encourage refurbishment and re-use as a first priority before looking to replacement. However, if replacement is deemed necessary we can support the applicant's approach.

The external doorways around the building, other than those around the foyer, will be replaced with security doors in a black colour with additional strength. This is important for the ongoing security of the venue and we consider them to represent an improvement in function and sensitivity compared to those already existing. We also support the insertion of glazing around the foyer.

We can therefore support the approval of details in relation to condition 3.

Condition 4 seeks details of internal finishes to walls and ceilings within public areas of the building. This application seeks partial discharge, with the applicant stating they will sand, fill and paint the interior walls of the foyer and auditorium and that this will not affect decorative features. There is no further detail other than a brief summary of pre-application advice, on the assumption the works are necessary to repair damage and deterioration this can be supported in principle. Filling should be undertaken utilising appropriate materials. Again, assuming that is the case, we can support partial discharge.

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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