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Application: 25/01142/LB

Site: 110 Streatham Hill London Lambeth SW2 4RD

Proposal: Change of use to a Place of Worship (Use Class F1 (f)).

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 application for listed building consent, which is associated with a change of use at Streatham Hill Theatre to a place of worship.

The existing and proposed plans appear to be the same. However, the Planning Statement notes, "essential maintenance and remedial works to improve access, fire

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safety and minor improvements as part of a more comprehensive approach have already commenced”.

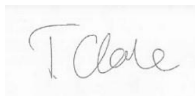
There appears to be no previous listed building consent covering such works, and neither are they set out within this application. The nature of works being undertaken must be clarified as a priority and if necessary properly documented and justified by way of updated plans and appropriately detailed Heritage Statement in line with paragraph 207 of the NPPF (2024) and planning guidance on the historic environment. There is otherwise risk that harmful and irreversible interventions are being made without proper oversight and appraisal.

It would be helpful to understand what functions are proposed within the building's various spaces. At basement level it shows 'void use unknown', it should be possible from research to ascertain the historic use of that space. All other rooms and areas maintain existing labels. If some are being repurposed, again this should be explained within a sufficient Heritage Statement along with justifications for any interventions required

Unless such information is provided we cannot support the granting listed building consent.

We would be keen for the applicant to engage with us positively prior to submission so that we can inform proposals and ensure works being carried out are sensitive.

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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