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Application: P/26/01376/LB

Site: Pavilion Theatre Westover Road Bournemouth BH1 2BU

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for solar panel array on part of roof.

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 at the Pavilion Theatre. It seeks to install PV panels to the theatre's roof. We have also been consulted on the corresponding application for planning permission, to which we have responded under separate cover.

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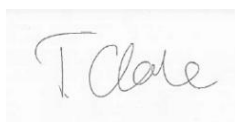
The panels will be located along the lower part of the wall of the fly tower on its south-west elevation, and along parts of the roof immediately beyond that on the building's south-west section.

The Pavilion is a Grade II listed heritage asset which sits within the setting of the Upper, Central and Lower Pleasure Gardens and Coy Pond Gardens which are Grade II listed Registered Parks and Gardens. However, we consider the concealed location of the proposed panels means there would be no impact on the significance of the theatre or its wider setting. The roof and its fabric are of lesser sensitivity which already has necessary more modern servicing and air handling installations. The panels are also reversible interventions. We consider this to constitute a very low degree of less than substantial harm, but with reference to paragraph 215 of the NPPF (2024) this is offset by the public benefits of improving the Pavilion's environmental sustainability.

Paragraph 161 of the NPPF supports transition to net zero by 2050. Paragraph 167 gives significant weight to supporting energy efficiency and low carbon heating improvements to existing buildings including through use of PV panels. We welcome efforts by theatre owners and operators to invest in their buildings and to improve their environmental sustainability.

We therefore support the granting of listed building consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss this representation in greater detail.



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