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Applications: APP/19/00934

Site: Station Theatre, Station Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0EH

Proposals: Replacement glass lobby.

Remit:

The 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 regarding this proposal for a replacement glass lobby at Station Theatre.

Station Theatre is a valued cultural facility serving Hayling Island, and is run by Hayling Island Amateur Dramatic Society (HIADS). It provides local people with the opportunity to participate and engage in cultural activity, which contributes to well-being. Paragraph 92 of the NPPF seeks decisions to plan positively for community and cultural facilities such as this.

Plans show that the replacement lobby will provide a slight extension forward compared to what is already in place, although will not be as wide. Currently there are two sets of doors opening left and right from the lobby. We assume this work will enable installation of an automatic door which would improve accessibility into the theatre, but if not we recommend such an approach.

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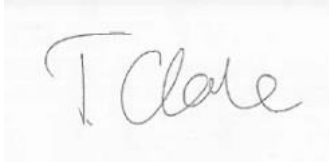
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The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres

The Theatres Trust Charitable Fund co-operates with the Theatres Trust, has the same Trustees and is registered as a charity under number 274697

Otherwise we have no objections to this proposal and **recommend the granting of planning permission.**

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or if you wish to discuss these comments in greater detail.

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