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Applications: 24/1607N

Site: LYCEUM THEATRE, HEATH STREET, CREWE, CHESHIRE, CW1 2DA

Proposal: Installation of a new roof mounted air source heat pump to replace existing gas fired boiler plant serving the LTHW heating system.

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:

This application has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to install an air source heat pump within an enclosure to the roof of the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe, with associated pipework and services. This will replace the theatre's

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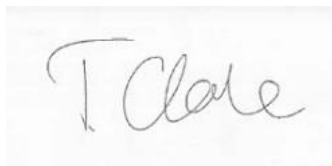
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existing gas-fired boiler. We have not been formally notified, despite this falling within our statutory remit outlined above.

This installation will be to the more modern part of the building and is set back to minimise visual impact. However, we welcome efforts by theatre owners and operators to invest in their facilities and to seek to improve their environmental sustainability and efficiency. The replacement of a gas-fired boiler with more cost efficient and sustainable air source heat pump meets that objective, and constitutes a public benefit to mitigate harm to the historic environment with reference to paragraph 208 of the NPPF (2023).

We therefore support the granting of planning permission.

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



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