# Theatres fit for the **future**



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### Application: 24/03194/LBC

**Site:** The Lyceum Theatre 17 - 21 Wellington Street London WC2E 7RQ **Proposal:** Erection of scaffolding to the building facade.

### **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:**

This application for listed building consent has been brought to the attention of Theatres Trust by the applicant, as in this instance Theatres Trust is also the freeholder of the building. It is seeking to install scaffolding to facilitate external repair

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works to the theatre, which we supported in our comments of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The use of scaffolding will result in some fixings into the building's fabric. However, the applicant has stated these will avoid ornamental elements in line with an existing condition attached to the requisite listed building consent. Whilst this will generate some less than substantial harm in the short term, it is considered necessary to enable the consented repairs to be undertaken. This constitutes a public benefit, as efforts to maintain and conserve this important heritage asset must be prioritised.

Upon removal there will be like-for-like repairs, and this can be conditioned.

On that basis we support the granting of listed building consent.

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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