# Theatres fit for the **future**



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Application: 24/03569/LI

Site: Grand Theatre 46 New Briggate Leeds LS1 6NU

**Proposal:** Retrospective Listed Building Application for installation of new

supporting steelwork beneath existing floor to scene dock room

### 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 come to the attention of Theatres
Trust because it is retrospectively seeking consent for strengthening works to the
floor and supporting walls of the Paint Room at the Grand Theatre and Opera House.

#### **Theatres Trust**

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Chair Dave Moutrey OBE Director Jon Morgan

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This supplements a previous consent on which we provided comments in September and December 2023. The original plan was to see removal of the timber floor within the theatre's scene dock. In contrast this approach will incorporate revised steelwork which will have some visual impact but enable retention of the existing original timber flooring. On balance we consider this a preferable approach.

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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