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**Application:** 24/01880/FUL

**Site:** Theatre Royal Winchester 21 - 23 Jewry Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 8SB

**Proposal:** Locating of storage / overflow ancillary containers and associated works (affects the setting of a listed building)

### 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 planning permission at Theatre Royal Winchester. It seeks to install two 'portakabin' type structures stacked

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one on top of the other to the rear of the fly tower (west elevation). These would be in place for a temporary period.

There is no specific rationale set out of the need for additional storage space, and although stated to be temporary within the applicant's statement there is no timeframe given. It would be beneficial for this to be set out along with any longer-term aspirations to further develop the theatre.

In principle however we can support the granting of planning permission on a temporary basis, as the location of the temporary structures is largely concealed from view and the utilitarian nature of the fly tower and back of house means this area is less sensitive in heritage terms.

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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