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Application: DC/24/3089/VOC

Site: Battery Green Car Park And Surrounding Land Marina Road Lowestoft Suffolk

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Proposal: Variation of Condition No's 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 of DC/23/4537/RG3 - Part demolition of the existing Battery Green car park and northern wing of the Marina Centre building, realignment of Marina Road, the erection of a new circulation core in the retained car park area. Change of use of partially retained car park to competitive leisure use. New cultural building consisting of single and two storey elements, containing multi use hall, lobby, cafe, studio spaces, plant areas, restaurant and first floor multi use space. Externally providing new soft and hard landscaping with external lighting scheme to create new linkages and new public realm - We would like to discharge Condition 6 to facilitate the progression of the Marina Centre works. In order to progress the Marina Centre works we also require variations to the wording of Condition 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 16 to enable the Marina Centre works to be undertaken prior to the discharge of the conditions in question. The conditions already refer to the exception of the car park demolition so we would like to append the Marina Centre works to this exemption.

#### **Theatres Trust**

22 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0QL

Trustees Vicky Browning OBE, Anna Collins, James Dacre, Suba Das, Liam Evans-Ford, Stephanie Hall, Annie Hampson, Tracy Ann Oberman, Lucy Osborne, Saratha Rajeswaran, Truda Spruyt, Michèle Taylor MBE, Katie Town

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### 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 to vary eight planning conditions attached to the proposed development at the Battery Green Car Park site. We have been notified because the site is adjacent to and impacts on the Marina and Seagull Theatres, and also includes a new performance space within the development.

These variations would enable works to the Marina Centre to take place alongside the car park. We have no objection to this, but urge engagement and coordination with the Marina Theatre to minimise disruption to their operations and performances.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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