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Application: 24/02315/LBA

Site: The Pavilion Theatre 121 Renfield Street Glasgow G2 3AX

Proposal: Internal alterations to basement, including partial demolitions.

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application for listed building consent at the Pavilion Theatre. It seeks to undertake internal alterations within the venue's Basement Bar.

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Whilst the theatre is Category A listed and therefore a significant heritage asset, the bar subject to this application is of low significance having been a more modern addition. However, the area does retain its original plan form and some original Edwardian doors and architraves along with some surviving terrazzo flooring.

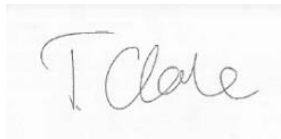
The reason for seeking to alter this bar area is that it does not work very well operationally and neither does it provide the optimum experience for audiences. It is therefore proposed that the space will be opened up by extending the current opening in the centre of the wall between the bar and the corridor serving the WCs. This will make this into a single space which will improve audience flow and reduce crowding and congestion, enabling additional seating to be installed.

The existing curved bar servery will be removed and replaced with a linear bar with new fittings. This is more efficient operationally and can provide better accessibility.

Whilst there will be some loss of original fabric due to the removal of terrazzo flooring, we understand this to be in poor condition. Overall we consider the benefits of the proposed scheme to mitigate the impact of that loss.

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 these comments in further detail.



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