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Application: 24/06568/LBC

Site: Palace Theatre 109 - 113 Shaftesbury Avenue London W1D 5AY

Proposal: Installation of temporary hoardings during canopy repair work on Shaftesbury Avenue for a temporary period from 19th August 2024 until 1st April

2025.

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 came to the attention of Theatres Trust

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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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because it is seeking to install and decorate with show signage the temporary hoardings outside of the theatre. These are anticipated to be in place until April 2025.

Repair works are being carried out to the canopy along the Shaftesbury Avenue (south-east) elevation of the theatre following it having been hit by a bus. Hoardings have been erected whilst this work is undertaken.

There is a necessity for the hoardings being in place. We consider that activating them with show signage will enhance their appearance and mitigate harm to setting. 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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