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Application: 24/02843/LB

Site: Brixton Academy 211 Stockwell Road London Lambeth SW9 9SL

Proposal: Repair works to the main entrance elevation, including the portico, cleaning of the facade, and other targeted interventions, and replacement of sections, indent repairs or surface and mortar joint repairs. Replacement of faience blocks.

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'.

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Comment:

This application for listed building consent has come to the attention of Theatres Trust because it is seeking to undertake repair works and cleaning around the main entrance (south east elevation) at Brixton Academy.

There a number of defects to that elevation as identified within the accompanying condition survey along with photographic evidence. Brixton Academy is a Grade II* listed heritage asset and an important cultural venue. To ensure the building's ongoing conservation and operation it is important these issues are addressed, therefore we welcome the applicant's efforts to invest in the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

It is essential that the proposed works are undertaken by reputable and experienced specialist contractors. We note the applicant's commitment in this regard as set out within section 9.1.5 of the Heritage Statement.

We are therefore supportive of 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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