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Application: 24/03991/S73

Site: 6-7 Arts Theatre St Edwards Passage Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB2 3PJ

Proposal: S73 to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 22/04228/FUL (Refurbishment of auditorium and back of house spaces, demolition of disused restaurant area and creation of new studio theatre. New entrance doors and goods lift off St Edwards Passage access and minor alterations to fenestration to rear of Spalding Hostel) Relocation of Studio Vent Panels, Relocation of Solar Panels, Height Amendment to Plant Room and Dressing Room Extension.

Remit:

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Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this application to vary condition 2 of consent reference 22/04228/FUL. It seeks to amend plans for the refurbishment and extension of the Arts Theatre.

These amendments consist of four elements; relocation of ventilation panels to the studio, relocation of PV panels to the roof, some additional height of 750mm to the plant room and further extension above the studio to provide additional dressing room and back of house space.

We have no objection to the ventilation, PV panel or plant height extension as these are very minor in nature and scale. We are supportive of additional space for important back of house functions.

We do not consider that these changes will cause harm to setting or significance, but will help enhance the venue's operation.

We therefore support permission to vary this condition.

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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