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Application: 24/04644/LBC

Site: Mind The Gap Theatre Company Unit 2 The Silk Warehouse Patent Street
Bradford West Yorkshire BD9 4SA

Proposal: Installation of 1 x illuminated sign and 4 x non-illuminated projecting /
banner signs for Mind the Gap Studios

Remit:

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Comment:

This application for advertisement consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it relates to the installation of signage at Mind The Gap Studios. It

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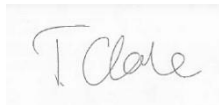
corresponds with an application for listed building consent to which we provided comments of support in 2023.

Mind the Gap is a theatre company supporting performance and live arts for those with disabilities. It creates its own productions, provides educational courses focused on the arts and works with other arts organisations to improve their own inclusivity. Mind the Gap Studios, the subject of this application, is their 122 seat theatre and studios, meeting rooms and café from which they operate. It is located within the Grade II* listed former Lister Mills and is a valuable cultural asset for Bradford and wider catchment.

Listed building consent has already been granted for these installations and we consider the signage to be vital in addressing the venue's lack of visibility. It is of sensitive scale and design. We do not consider that it would give rise to unacceptable impacts on highway safety or visual amenity.

We therefore support the granting of advertisement 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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