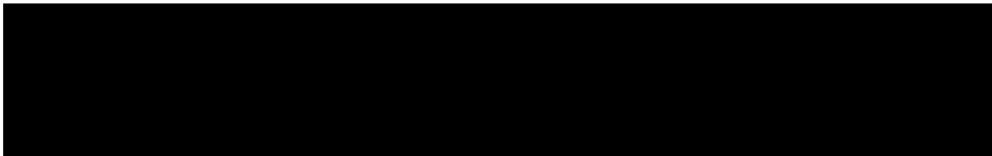


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Hello

With reference to the above planning applications, I would like to object to the recent proposal by Yoo Capital.

The theatre on the site has a long and rich history and its friezes on the exterior add an enormous amount of charm and character to the street. Gutting the interior would mean losing several original theatre features, as well as losing a valuable entertainment space.

Further, the development is completely out of character with the rest of the building in both style and proportion. It is a detriment not just to that building but also to the neighbouring buildings and would be a blight on the skyline.

The disruption to that part of town would also be huge and have a knock-on effect for a hospitality and entertainment sector that is still trying to recover from the pandemic.

The proposal that there be a mere 400-seat theatre as an entertainment space seems a cynical afterthought in order to avoid to dress the scheme up as not outweighing the harms done.

This would be a detriment to local culture, history, architecture and heritage and should be opposed.

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