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2016/2036/P	James Williams	Shaftesbury Theatre 210 Shaftesbury Avenue London WC2H 8DP	10/05/2016 10:54:59	SUPC	<p>I write on behalf of the Shaftesbury Theatre in support of this proposal as it brings back into use a valuable building and reinforces the nature of the area where office, residential, retail and cultural/entertainment activities co-exist in harmony. However, we wish to express significant concern over the Site Management plan.</p> <p>It is noted that access to the site currently can only be achieved via Grape Street which is rightly described as a narrow road. Therefore deliveries to the site during construction will be very difficult. A solution will need to be found to avoid the use of Grape Street for such purposes as, from experience, it is known that vehicles over 3.5 tonnes often, when currently using the road, mount the west pavement, damage adjacent buildings and scratch and dent the parked diplomatic cars.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proximity of such large vehicles to the Theatre's main backstage exit, the Stage Door, will cause a hazard to those exiting the Theatre by this point. It should be noted that in addition to housing an audience of 1,406 the Theatre also has in the region of 150 company, staff and crew working in the building. Those working in the building will use the Stage Door as one of their two optional routes in the case of an emergency. This is also the main reporting point for the emergency services. The latter is significant given the level of terrorist alert and the vulnerable nature of a Theatre building to such attacks.</p> <p>It is our opinion that further thought should be given to developing a means of delivery over neighbouring land to the east of Grape Street. If this is not possible, this development should only proceed if an alternative parking solution is provided to the Cuban Embassy and a solid non moveable barrier is erected on the west side of Grape Street to afford safety to the pedestrians accessing properties along this face of the street, which will undoubtedly become the main walkway between Shaftesbury Avenue and High Holborn.</p>

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