

## Protecting theatres for everyone



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**Application:** 2018/0146/A & 2018/0147/L

**Site:** The Dominion Theatre 268-269 Tottenham Court Road LONDON W1T 7AQ

**Proposal:** Erection of show signage on the canopy of the Dominion Theatre for the forthcoming production of the musical 'Bat Out Of Hell'.

**Remit:**

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**Comment:**

The Trust **supports** this proposal for the installation of new signage for the Dominion Theatre in support of the 'Bat Out Of Hell' musical.

Signage is a traditional and essential part of a theatre's character, and the proposal is generally reflective of other three-dimensional elements that are a feature of other theatres in the area. By its nature show signage is a temporary feature associated with a particular run of shows, therefore there would be no lasting impact on the historic or architectural significance and fabric of the Grade II listed theatre. A temporary permission can be secured by condition. Regardless, we consider that the height and scale of this signage is appropriate and its location above the canopy prevents the building's historic façade being hidden from view. It adds visual interest to the streetscape and enhances the theatre's visibility.

We therefore **recommend approval** of this proposal and the **granting of listed building consent**.

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