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Further Sustainability Work

Thank you for your email of 11 February consulting The Theatres Trust on Further Sustainability Appraisal of the Davenport Green Site.

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We have no particular comment to make but are pleased to see on page 42 of the document that Trafford Town Hall will be protected and enhanced with new function facilities as part of the public realm improvements to the Warwick Road site. It is vital to help protect buildings of great cultural and community benefit which might otherwise be traded in for more commercially lucrative developments.

It is important for the survival of older buildings to have a viable use and the alterations necessary to continue the use of a building must be balanced against the impact on the historic fabric and character of that building and that any new uses should respect the existing features of a building. Any improvements should adapt to the building not the other way round and involve the least amount of intervention.

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