

METHOD STATEMENT

On Behalf of
Apollo Theatre

Listed Building Permission for Replacement Floor Covering. Installation of New Crush Barriers and Replacement of Stalls Seating.

SITE AT :- Stockport Road Manchester M12 6AP

The Method :-

The proposal is as indicated on drawing PO2 -BFP-V1-XX-S-0300 is to re-use as many of the existing housing sockets as possible. However to ensure the continued safety of the clientele it will be necessary to create some new securing sockets within the floor.

To create the new sockets the existing concrete floor will be broken up in approx.. 450mm square and to a depth of 600mm. Using a circular saw and jack hammer. This is shown on drawing PO2 -BFP-V1-XX-S-0301 which forms part this application.

This will be filled with mass concrete around a central metal sleeve in readiness to house the new metal crush barriers. The top of the metal sleeve will have a hole close to the top which will allow for a steel pin to be slid fully across the sleeve and a corresponding hole in the barrier to secure the barrier in place and stop the general public from lifting the barrier once in position.

When the barriers are not in situ a hinged metal flap will cover the holes and make the floor flush with no trip hazards.

In preparation of the new vinyl flooring a new WBP plywood sub floor will be laid on the existing concrete slab.

As the accompanying seating document illustrates the plywood and a small section of the existing slab will be drilled to house a small metal inverted 'top hat' which positions the new seat lugs. These with the inter connecting metal bars ensuring the seats remain secured.

This seating system has been used successfully in many important buildings within the UK :- Hammersmith Odeon – London and City Hall - Newcastle -Upon -Tyne to name but two. Both of which are listed buildings.

The intention is to keep the impact on the existing building to a bare minimum, however the importance of customer safety must be paramount, these new crush barriers are essential, for the continued safety of patrons of the Apollo.