

Message of Support from the Streatham Society

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To: David Harvey, Chair, Friends of Streatham Hill Theatre info@streathamhilltheatre.org

Subject: Support from the Streatham Society

Dear David,

The committee of the Streatham Society has asked me to write to you in support of your campaign to carry out a viability study on reviving the former Streatham Hill Theatre as a multi-purpose arts and cultural venue.

The Streatham Society is a registered charity and Streatham's officially recognised "civic amenity" society, as well as being a local history society. One of our aims is to 'secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit'. This is exactly what your project aims ultimately to do.

This project is very close to our hearts as in June 2013, Brian Bloice our former chair, assisted by you, led the first guided tour around the theatre, at the time a Bingo Hall. Around 40 people were expected and more than 150 attended, to be amazed by the sheer size and scale of the place, and the wealth of original features.

The Society has almost 300 members and our bi-monthly talks and socials are very well attended. Streatham Hill Theatre is very well connected, has the potential for us to rent a regular room with good acoustics and view, and could allow us to host exhibitions and events, such as Lambeth Heritage Festival. A thriving theatre venue would contribute greatly to increasing the prosperity of the northern end of the town centre

We are therefore delighted to lend your project our keen support.

Yours sincerely,

Shea Richardson

Chair

The Streatham Society