

CASEWORK REPORT: September 2015

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ENGLAND

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Grade II*

A revised application has been presented which ameliorates some deficiencies of the original scheme relating to proposed alterations to the **Avenue/Odeon** in London's Northfields area. The Association has been represented at a meeting with the local conservation officer and the applicant; a further joint consultation is likely. See *July 2015 Casework Report*. <http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/11190>



Granada/EMD Walthamstow in April 2004

Antic Limited was recently due to submit planning and listed building consent applications relating to the **Granada/EMD** at Walthamstow, although it is not known if concerns over joint operation as a hostelry and drama space have yet been satisfactorily resolved with the proposed tenant, Soho Theatre Company.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/9397>

Planning and listed building consents have also been sought for the **Dreamland** complex in Margate.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/15123>

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In Brighton, an application has been tabled for the replacement of the **Astoria** with a tripartite, seven-storeyed, structure. Consideration is being given to requesting salvage of architectural elements and an interior photographic survey.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/22456>

Concern arises over the recent closure of the **Ritz** in Grays. Often overlooked in favour of its more celebrated neighbour, the State, the Ritz is an impressive structure in its own right, boasting an admirable auditorium.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/22456>



Astoria, Brighton in March 2009

A submission has been registered for change of use of the ruins the **National Picture Theatre** in Hull to an al fresco dining area for adjacent Swan Inn. The local group wishing to retain the site a war memorial remains active.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/40893>

Hammersmith and Fulham Council has refused planning permission for the development propounded for **Pyke's Cinematograph Theatre** in London's Shepherd's Bush, previously outlined in this column.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/3776>

Unlisted

The **Regal/Odeon** in Darlington has been recognised by local planners as integral to the appearance of a significant group of buildings in the Northgate Conservation Area; thus the opportunity is being taken to request that the protected purlieus be extended in order to encompass the entire structure.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/20950>

Partial demolition of **Smart's Picture Palace/Rex/Essoldo** in London's Bethnal Green has been approved in order for construction of residential units to be undertaken, despite representations from the CTA and other bodies. It will be recalled that an outcome of this ilk had been anticipated following the rejection of the listing application for the cinema.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/16512>



Regal/Odeon Ddarlington in September 2006



Curzon Soho in February 2007

It has been proposed that the Crossrail 2 project should employ the site of the **Columbia/Curzon Soho** in London as a station. Although of questionable architectural merit, the cinema is a valuable and substantially utilised amenity; thus the CTA will support the growing campaign for its retention on this basis.

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/6244>