

ENGLAND

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Further plans relating to the proposed external extension to the **Avenue** in Ealing's Northfields district have been submitted to the local Council. A meeting is to be held with the architect in an attempt to ameliorate the potential detrimental visual impact of such a development on the integrity of the building's composition. <http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/11190>

An appeal has been lodged against the decision by Hammersmith and Fulham Council to refuse consent to the application for new illuminated advertising displays on the façade of the former **Gaumont Palace** in Hammersmith, which proposal was previously reported here. The Association's objections will be reiterated in a letter to the Planning Inspectorate.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/3774>

Planning consent has also been sought for replacement signage on the frontage of the **Dreamland Cinema** in Margate. The scheme is highly respectful of the original in character, although a slight discrepancy with the original wording is somewhat puzzling.

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

The CTA has commented upon a listed building consent application relating to the **Odeon** at Muswell Hill advanced by Everyman Cinemas, now operators of the facility. Previous exchanges with the company concerning sympathetic treatment of the venue have proven positive; currently no alteration to the extant subdivision is anticipated.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/13783>



Odeon, Muswell Hill in April 2006

Unlisted

In several instances the promised relocation of reclaimed architectural elements from demolished cinemas has not come to pass; it is thus pleasing to report that the sculptural female embellishments from the facade of the former **Gaumont Palace** in Cheltenham have been re-sited on the exterior of the Brewery Centre in the town. It would be greatly appreciated if a local member could forward a photograph of the figures in their new locale for the Committee's records.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/17447>

Enquiries have been made of the Association by a local group intent upon returning the **Empire** at Crook, an ex-Essoldo property, to film exhibition. Relevant information has been forwarded.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/43148>

Following the previous report concerning the **Elite** in Middlesbrough, which referred to a lack of interior images, the Committee was delighted and grateful to receive relevant photographs from two members. Sadly, Historic England has rejected the application for listed status for the cinema.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/18510>

The Beamish Open Air Museum is fulfilling a long-held aspiration to add a cinema to its exhibits by moving the **Grand** in Ryhope to its grounds. <http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/49699>

A query has been received apropos the **Regent** in Deal which, although having been sold in April 2011 by Dover City Council to Silverscreen Cinemas, has not yet reopened. The structure lies within a Conservation Area and is thus afforded a degree of protection. A watching brief will be maintained.

<http://cinematreaasures.org/theaters/32928>

The case for retention of the **Futurist** in Liverpool is being championed by Save Britain's Heritage (SAVE), which may seek a judicial review, arguing that Liverpool City Council has ignored its own policies by granting planning permission for development of the site. SAVE has requested supporting argument from the CTA, which has been composed and forwarded; several representatives of the Association have also been vociferous in support of the structure's retention in various media interviews. <http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/6508>



Futurist, Liverpool in July 2007

SAVE has also become involved in the long-running campaign to retain the **Odeon** in Kensington and is demanding a public enquiry. Lady Borwick, the local MP, has expressed her support for the campaign; she has been requested by the Association to investigate if Historic England executed a thorough inspection of the property at the time of the rejected listing application and to request spot listing if any peccancy in the process is detected.

The supermarket chain Lidl has purchased the **Towers** in Hornchurch and publicised plans locally to demolish and replace it with one of its stores. However, Havering Council has issued an Article 4 direction notifying Lidl that permitted development rights have now been removed. This will remain in force for six months, during which period a listing application, fortuitously previously prepared and submitted by the Association, will be adjudged by Historic England. <http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/13777>



Towers, Hornchurch (as Mecca Bingo) in July 2006