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Save Hulme Hippodrome Campaign

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News this week

Two steps forward ... 

Our Crowdfunding campaign has been a great success, and it is thanks to **530** supporters we have raised **£16,680** in under a month.

Just one of the 200 kind comments is:

“I have seen interesting and historic buildings allowed to fall into total disrepair in my area of Salford leading to demolition and feel very strongly that this is so wrong.”

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-hulme-hippo>

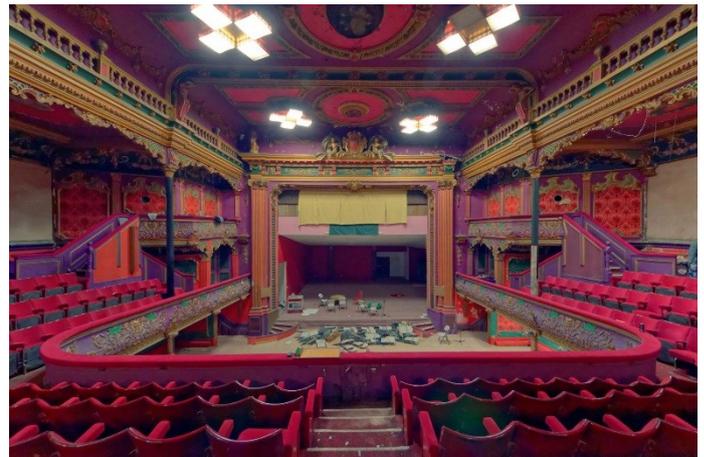
But one step back ... 

We have now heard from both the Charity Commission and HM Land Registry that they will **not intervene** to correct the **irregular sale** the Hulme Hippodrome on 11 January 2021. We've sought legal advice on this, but been told that the chances of overturning the refusal by the Charity Commission to intervene are unfortunately very low. The powers given to the Commission by the Charities Act 2011 have not been used to stop this irregular sale. **A dereliction of duty.**



Campaigners will recall that the Hippodrome was owned by the Gilbert Deya Ministries religious charity since 2003, but now it is passing through the hands of various property speculators.

We believe the current owner is called **HMM20 Ltd**, a one-director company with its registered office a small flat above a shop in south London. It was HMM20 Ltd that tried to sell the Hippodrome at auction in London for over £950,000 on 10 February 2021, the auction we stalled.



Great Video

Martin Zero has made a great video inside the Hulme Hippodrome, as part of his series on 'Abandoned Places'. It has generated 640 comments on his YouTube channel and Martin generously promoted our Crowdfunder appeal, giving it a strong surge last week. Watch out for his on-stage interview with Oli Wilson from this campaign.

This excellent short film has been watch by 16,000 people so far.

You can **watch this** excellent short film by visiting our new website – www.hulmehippodrome.org and it is embedded on the home page. A copy is also watchable on YouTube. (17 minutes)



Asset of Community Value

Campaigners here will also recall that we have submitted a formal application to **Manchester City Council** for Hulme Hippodrome to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. Being listed as an ACV does not guarantee we can buy the building, but it does **pause any future sale for six months** while we try to secure the building for community benefit again. The power comes from the Localism Act 2011.

There are **two moratorium** – pause of the sale – periods. Both start from the date the owner of the asset tells Manchester City Council of their intention to sell.

The first is the interim moratorium period, which is **six weeks**, during which time a community organisation can decide if they want to be considered as a potential bidder.

The second is a full moratorium period, which is **six months**, during which a community organisation can develop a proposal and raise the money required to bid to buy the asset.

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