

Response from Theatres Trust

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Cala Homes Judgement

Thank you for your email of 8 February consulting The Theatres Trust on the issue of how much weight should be given to the Secretary of State's intention to abolish RSSs and the implications for the Inspector's consideration of proposed changes.

The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres. The Theatres Trust Act 1976 states that *'The Theatres Trust exists to promote the better protection of theatres.* It currently delivers statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use through the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (DMPO), Articles 16 & 17, Schedule 5, para.(w) that requires the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include *'development involving any land on which there is a theatre.'*

We have read the Cala Homes Case HTML version and have noted para.29 regarding the distinction between materiality and weight but as this issue will be related solely to housing matters, which is the main concern of the Inspector, we have no comment to make.

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