

## **Core Strategy Examination Implications**

Thank you for your email of 14 June consulting The Theatres Trust on the implications for the Core Strategy Examination of recent Ministerial Statements. The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres. The Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, Article 10, Para (v) requires the Trust to be consulted on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre.' It was established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres'. This applies to all buildings that were either built as theatres or are used for theatre presentations, in current use, in other uses, or disused.

If the Council is happy with the current content of its Core Strategy including the housing supply arrangements, there is no reason why the examination could not go ahead on the basis of the current proposals being fully funded, deliverable and relevant to national policy, as recently amended, and founded on a solid evidence base.

However, the Council may decide it would prefer to withdraw the current Core Strategy to re-think its policies that deal with future housing supply and submit it for public examination at a later date.

The Theatres Trust did not find the document to be sound as, in our opinion, it lacked a clear spatial focus and there were few specifics as to the scale of development, the range and mix of uses, how they related to each other and the infrastructure necessary to achieve this. The policies seemed to be a set of generalities lacking any real analysis of the area and the key challenges facing the District.

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