

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/A1720/C/23/3336046

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/A1720/C/23/3336046
Appeal By	TITCHFIELD FESTIVAL THEATRE LIMITED
Site Address	Titchfield Festival Theatre 71-73 St. Margarets Lane FAREHAM PO14 4BG

SENDER DETAILS

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have been a resident of Fareham for 37 years and have been at the Titchfield Festival Theatre (TFT) more times than at the Ferneham Hall. It is of note that TFT only started in 2001.

TFT is an enterprising charity-run amateur dramatics organisation, operated entirely by volunteer enthusiasts, providing an across the spectrum choice of performances. It trains and supports future theatre artists whilst providing arts education programmes.

I take issue with Fareham Borough Council (FBC) pursuing Titchfield Festival Theatre (TFT) for the following reasons:

Instead of encouraging and supporting local community enterprises such as TFT, FBC are spending our taxpayers money pursuing TFT with a view to limiting TFT's ability to provide a greater range of services and performances.

FBC's expenditure on the partial demolition of Ferneham Hall to create a new venue, Fareham Live, is not part of this representation; except to say, the new venue is not intended to provide the community services of TFT in that it is a wholly commercial operation i.e. TFT and Fareham Live are mutually exclusive in their offerings. However, FBC are being perceived as pursuing TFT as being a threat to their new venture's footfall and audience take up.

Our taxpayer's money would have been better spent by FBC engaging with TFT to enable the growth of the charity that is providing an excellent service to the community. An example of this would have been assistance, and support, in securing additional parking for TFT.

Unfortunately, this issue is representative of the bureaucracy, box ticking and unnecessary expenditure by FBC rather than them having an active involvement with the people of the community to provide services and an environment more suited to the future prosperity and attraction of Fareham and its environs.