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Planning Inspectorate

Dear Sirs

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Titchfield Youth Theatre is a community Youth Theatre giving children between the ages of 5 to 16 years of age within Titchfield and the surrounding areas the opportunity to learn Acting, Drama and Performance and our sessions have been running at Titchfield Festival Theatre (TFT) for 15 years welcoming and supporting children and young people of all abilities and needs.

Over these years the fantastic support, different theatre spaces and growing amenities at TFT have given our children the opportunity to learn drama and acting within a supportive and creative environment and being able to put on productions to live audiences within different spaces. Through attending our sessions and performing in these productions our members have gained many lifetime transferable skills such as confidence; focus; problem solving; commitment and teamwork.

The Arden Theatre and its new fantastic facilities is another great asset for us and one that no one else nearby would be offering to our Youth Theatre. TFT is important as they give us valuable support that allows us to keep costs down and make us an affordable group for these young people and for us to reinvest in the work and opportunities we can give them.

If the Arden Theatre was to close it would take away an opportunity for our group to experience performing and utilising a more technical stage and continue to develop additional theatre skills that are not readily available in other local theatres so we would ask you to take this into consideration when making your decisions.

Yours faithfully

