

TFT Planning Appeal – February 2024

Personal comments in support of TFT

I support the objectives of TFT and the service they provide to the local community. The amateur arts scene is so important to any community and TFT is highly successful in providing the means to do so. The recent construction has added an incredible modern enhancement and availability to youth and adult amateur theatrical members and their audiences. It is a wonderful achievement that is the envy of any community. There may be stumbling blocks between the theatre's aims and the Borough and County Council but anyone can see that a pragmatic approach would solve those issues if HCC and FBC worked with TFT instead of against them.

With reference to car parking, HCC could easily allow car parking in the adjacent field; saying it is for farming use is clearly a feeble argument when we all know it is unsustainable land and has not been used for years. Access could be achieved with minimum funding.

The benefits to the community as a whole must not be overlooked. With an ever growing population such a facility is paramount and is being provided at no cost to the public purse. It is not in competition with the new Fareham theatre and never has been. We simply need the support of the councils to work with TFT and make it workable by overcoming the said issues and finding practical solutions.

I am a Fareham Men's Shed member who uses the social and workshop facilities within the building and also a member of one of the largest amateur musical societies in Fareham. I fully support the TFT project and wish it to continue, hopefully with full support of the councils.

