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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	
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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)	
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 □ Final Comments □ Proof of Evidence □ Statement □ Statement of Common Ground ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence □ Other 	

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

My family has supported and been entertained by TFT for many years. Self funded by its supporters with no finance from FBC it has filled a cultural gap in Fareham by regularly and frequently providing the magic of live theatre. The new Arden addition is a splendid facility and a wonderful example of what can be achieved by a dedicated and energetic group. Please remember that its youth theatre gives young people the opportunity to be involved in the performing arts. Anyone who saw this year's pantomime witnessed this. A huge number of children on stage and buzzing with enthusiasm and commitment.

It does seem very strange that we have to petition FBC to keep this theatre alive. Our council is supposed to act in our best interests. Have a look at the desert that Fareham town centre has become before you threaten us with the loss of a valued amenity. With the future of the Ashcroft Centre in doubt (and the Museum) its really important that TFT receives support rather than persecution. Is the council worried that TFT will compromise the success of Fareham Lite? Surely not. Fareham Lite will succeed if it offers diverse and quality experiences. The existence of TFT does not threaten that at all. Great for the town to have two centres of culture. Especially when one of them costs FBC nothing except legal fees in trying to destroy it.