

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

The Titchfield Festival Theatre has been an essential part of the community for many years and provides entertainment that no other local cultural establishment appears to be able to offer. Primarily it allows local people to learn to act, produce and write plays and provide all the services that a theatre needs to be able to run. It is an amateur theatre, giving experience to folk to who can subsequently move towards a professional setting if they so require. It puts on plays and performances at prices that are totally affordable to local people. No other cultural establishment in the area offers this. It seems to me that the Council (or maybe one or two members of the council) feels the need to take any opportunity they can to damage the theatre and its operation and reputation. This attitude has been seen time and time again. The case in point here seems to be that a structure assembled inside an existing building, which meets all fire regulations and health and safety requirements, somehow has rubbed someone in the council up the wrong way and they are taking great delight in attempting to bring down this much loved local institution without offering any equivalent replacement. The new theatre being built in the town centre is absolutely no replacement for either it (or incidentally the wonderful Ashcroft Theatre). Please reconsider this costly (to both local people via council tax and the TFT) action, which has no real basis for its existence.