

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	
Address	

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 attending Titchfield Festival Theatre at St Margarets Lane for at least 10 years and at other venues before then. It is a Community Theatre staging a wide variety of productions including Youth Theatre at affordable prices. It has introduced me to plays that I would otherwise have not considered. I attend 2 or 3 productions every month, something that I could not afford at commercial venues (such as The Mayflower in Southampton, an occasional treat).

Despite TFT having been operating as a theatre for many years at this venue it appears that Fareham Council has now decided to seek to close it down. Is it cynical to think that they consider it a threat to their own replacement for the previously unsuccessful Fernham Hall. It seems likely that the current economic situation will last for some time and I question whether the new Fareham Live venue will in fact serve the needs of the town and surrounding area. If the commercial ticket prices are beyond the pocket of the local populace in sufficient numbers will it be financially viable?

With the closure of TFT the local residents will be left without affordable culture and entertainment but with the cost of paying for a vanity project.

The Council should support this established and popular Community Theatre that does so much for the people of the borough both young and old and consider the wellbeing and interests of the local population rather than its own 'agenda'.