

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]
Company/Group/Organisation Name	[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 Fareham Society supports the Council's service of the enforcement notice.

Our comments will be restricted to the appellant's ground of appeal a).

From speaking with the a Council's case officer it seems that what has been provided on site is not dissimilar that which was applied for but refused on application P/19/0510/FP for an extension and change of use of a storage area to a theatre.

On the Committee report on that application you will see that the Fareham Society Commented as follows:

- The present Theatre is already large for such a small site;
- The site is not sustainable, lacks good pedestrian access and most patrons are car-borne;
- The current parking situation is far from satisfactory; to increase the size of the Theatre would only exacerbate existing highway and traffic problems;
- Proposals to cater for future parking do not seem guaranteed or backed by legal agreements, nor are they well located for the safety and convenience of patrons;
- It is acknowledged that the Theatre has a loyal following and makes a good contribution to the art and entertainments scene in the Borough, however it should conform to the local planning and highway requirements as would any other enterprise or business.

From the limited information currently available the Society has no reason to come to a different view.

On a matter of Policy, however, it notes the Council's view that its latest Local Plan supports the view that such uses should ideally be within the urban area and not in this unsuited and poorly accessible area.

The observations of the appellant on the availability of car parking on the garden centre and at the Holiday Inn are noted. However, there is no guarantee of their availability in perpetuity.

For the above reasons the Society urges that the appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.