

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)


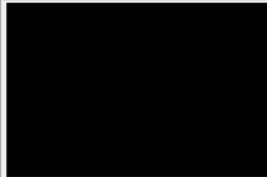
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Appeal Reference: APP/A1720/C/23/3336046

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	
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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)

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 own a house on St Margarets Lane and frequently deal with road obstruction because of the theatre.

St Margarets Lane is a narrow road with almost no footpath and very poor street lighting and no clear speed limit. It has single white lines along both sides of most of it, indicating no pavement. As far as I am aware it is illegal to park on a single white line that indicates no pavement but patrons of the theatre park on both sides of the road, on the single white lines and also park on the pavement where applicable.

The result being that cyclists and pedestrians are forced to use the middle of the road to gain passage, including dogs, children and wheelchairs with oncoming traffic in both directions.

The road is nothing like wide enough to cope with this and is downright dangerous. Just before Christmas I returned home to find utter chaos on the road, with everybody being forced to turn round because the road was closed. I have no idea why it was closed, by who or why there was no road closure sign in place, but at the time patrons had parked on both sides of the road and were also trying to turn round. With so many patrons also trying to get to their cars, walking in the middle of the road.

I find it quite incredulous that the theatre did not put anybody else first when making the decisions that they did for their own purpose and did not once consider pedestrians or local residents, or consult them.

It is unreasonable for any organisation to cause a statutory noise nuisance at night in a residential area. The theater is not the only guilty party of doing so on St Margarets Lane and Fareham Borough Council should be putting a stop to it. FBC claim that only they can state if something is a statutory noise nuisance but that is incorrect. I prosecuted Portsmouth City Council for statutory nuisance in 2023. The government needs to give the public a route to reporting councils when they fail to investigate complaints of statutory nuisance or in fact are guilty of causing the problem. Ombudsman is not the answer as they are not qualified in law and will simply back the council.