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Good Afternoon

Please find attached our comments on the Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards

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Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on the above document. We have interest in the Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan because the area includes the Tiverton Community Arts Theatre and the Tivoli Cinema. Our comments are set out below.

Remit:

Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment:

Policy T14: Protecting cultural and community venues

The Trust welcomes this policy and the strong statement of support it provides to retaining and protecting the town's valued cultural and community assets including the theatre and cinema. These facilities contribute to the social and cultural well-being of local people as well as helping to attract visitors from the town's catchment into the area. Particularly in the case of the cinema it helps maintain town centre footfall and supports other businesses. We note potential for the theatre to be re-provided at an alternative site as part of re-location of Tiverton High School. We urge that Theatres Trust is engaged at an early stage in any such plans. We support the plan's position that a replacement must be of at least equivalent standard and that provision must be maintained without interruption.

We suggest that part A. is revised to remove or correct reference to the F2 use class as some facilities, including both cinemas and theatres specifically but also pubs, are Sui Generis. This will ensure all Tiverton's valued facilities are appropriately protected.

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We hope these comments prove beneficial and look forward to seeing progression of this plan through to adoption.

Please contact us should you wish to discuss these comments further.



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