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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find the attached response to the Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan 2020 to 2033 from Tiverton Community Arts Theatre (TCAT)

Regards

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## Tiverton Community Arts Theatre Response to Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan 2020 to 2033

Tiverton Community Arts Theatre (TCAT) continues to grow in its home at Tiverton High School. Opening its doors to the public in 2012 it has staged hundreds of events. Providing Tiverton with its only managed venue exclusively for bringing a wide range of theatrical, musical and children's entertainment.

TCAT has big plans for its venue and in partnership with Tiverton High School obtained outline planning permission to build a new theatre on land at Bolham Road. The site at the Northern Gateway of the town would provide Tiverton with a modern community arts venue. Positioned in the heart of Mid Devon with excellent transport links to the A361 and M5 motorway.

Working with Foster Wilson Size, renowned theatre architects, TCAT is determined that the new theatre building will be sustainable and commits to targets outlined in the 'Theatre Green Book' (<https://theatregreenbook.com>) to be LEAN, CLEAN & GREEN and support biodiversity and reduce waste. Foster Wilson Size has already produced a Design Brief for the new theatre and working with professional theatre consultants TCAT has in place a positive Business Plan and Feasibility Study.

TCAT's goals are in line with Objective 6 (NP 3.2) providing a much needed local facility addressing the needs and aspirations of the fast growing population of the town. TCAT passes the 'Tivvy Test' (NP 3.3) in yielding improved wellbeing of residents and visitors alike.

Residents of Tiverton currently must travel to North Devon, Exeter or Plymouth to find a venue committed to giving the community access to the arts. TCAT has hosted numerous theatre workshops for teenagers. Thus, introducing young people to professional actors and musicians and providing access to theatre and the arts previously not available to the teenagers in Tiverton. (NP 8 Community Facilities)

TCAT is run by community volunteers for the community. It subsidises ticket prices to allow access to theatre to all members of the community. COVID-19 hit arts venues hard right across the country. With careful management TCAT survived and thrived and is now in a good financial position and has already set a diverse programme of events for 2022 and beyond. (NP Policies T13 & T14)

TCAT is proud of its record of creating, in just 10 years, a new, profitable facility for Tiverton accessible to all. TCAT is determined to meet future demands of the transformed 21<sup>st</sup> century market town Tiverton will become over the next 15 years. (NP 10.3)