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Thank you for consulting The Theatres Trust on the Development Management Policies DPD Preferred Options.

The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres, and was established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 to 'promote the better protection of theatres'. The Trust delivers statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (DMPO) requires the Trust to be consulted on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre.'

**DMP58 Managing the Provision of Community Infrastructure**

The Trust supports the amendments made to the policy for community infrastructure. We are pleased the term 'community infrastructure' has been clarified and now clearly includes cultural facilities and Policy DMP58 protects and enhances existing community infrastructure. This reflects the National Planning Policy Framework item 70 which states that to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services that the community needs, planning policies and decisions should plan for the use of shared space and guard against unnecessary loss of valued facilities. Also to ensure that established facilities and services are retained and able to develop for the benefit of the community.

Regards,

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