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**Allocations and Development Management DPD Examination
Revised Matters**

Thank you for your email of 19 November consulting The Theatres Trust on the Inspector's Revised Matters and Issues and two new matters for the Examination on the Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document.

Matter 1

The plan is not consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, as detailed in our response of 30 July 2012.

The development management policies do not include the contribution of leisure and cultural facilities to the vitality of town centres and the evening economy in Policy DM11. However, although DM11 is titled Retail and Town Centre Uses, there is hardly any mention or guidance for other town centre uses. Item 23 of the NPPF on page 7, regarding the vitality of town centres, states that a range of suitable sites should be allocated to meet the scale and type of retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, cultural, community and residential development needed in town centres.

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