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### Proposed Plan

Thank you for your letter of 2 December consulting The Theatres Trust on the Proposed Local Development Plan. Please note that we received two letters with the address slightly different – please delete one, either will do, to save your paper and postage. Or preferably, email consultations to [planning@theatrestrust.org.uk](mailto:planning@theatrestrust.org.uk).

The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres and was established by The Theatres Trust (Scotland) Act 1978 'to promote the better protection of theatres'. Regulation 25 of 'The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, Schedule 5, paragraph 11, sets out the requirement of all planning authorities that before determining an application for planning permission for development they must consult The Theatres Trust 'where the development involves any land on which there is a theatre as defined in the Theatres Trust 1976.'

**Policy PMD1** Sustainability – item d) The protection of built and cultural resources – there is no explanation in the accompanying text of what is meant by the term 'built and cultural resources' – does this include your theatres and cinemas? Or does it just refer to cultural heritage matters?

**Policy ED3** Town Centres – we are pleased that paragraph 1.4 refers to appropriate uses other than shops in town centres although most of the policy provides guidance for retail matters. However, these other uses contribute mainly to your evening economy whereas shops relate to the daytime economy. When internet shopping gradually replaces town centre shops, it will be the cinemas, theatres, restaurants and tourist-related venues that will predominate. Out of town or edge of town shopping centres/malls with good parking is the way forward.

We suggest that the Town Centres policy deals only with retail matters and that another policy should provide guidance for your community, leisure and cultural facilities which have no relevance to retail.

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