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Core Strategy Examination Implications

Thank you for your letter of 22 June consulting The Theatres Trust on the Secretary of State's letter of 27 May regarding his intention to abolish the Regional Spatial Strategies and amend PPS3 items.

The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres. The Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, Article 10, Para (v) requires the Trust to be consulted on planning applications which include '*development involving any land on which there is a theatre.*' It was established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 '*to promote the better protection of theatres.*' This applies to all buildings that were either built as theatres or are used for theatre presentations, in current use, in other uses, or disused.

Our opinion is that new legislation is unlikely to come into force until 2011 and until that time the present legislation remains. Also, with regard to The Planning Inspectorate Advice (item 4), that *as revocation has yet to occur ... the current RS is still part of the development plan*, and regardless of future Ministerial Statements and the PINS advice in Annex B, if the Council is happy with the current content of its Core Strategy including the housing supply arrangements, there is no reason why the EiP cannot go ahead on the basis of proposals being fully funded, deliverable and relevant to national policy, as recently amended, and founded on a solid evidence base etc.

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