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## Core Strategy Revised Consultation

Thank you for your email of 22 September consulting The Theatres Trust on a revised consultation for changes to Core Strategy policies relating to employment land designation and affordable housing.

The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres. The Theatres Trust Act 1976 states that '*The Theatres Trust exists to promote the better protection of theatres.* It currently delivers statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use through the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (DMPO), Articles 16 & 17, Schedule 5, para.(w) that requires the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include '*development involving any land on which there is a theatre.*'

As the topics for the revised consultation do not concern The Theatres Trust, we have no comment to make on these but note on your website that comments are invited on the draft National Planning Policy Framework and any implications this might have on the Core Strategy.

In our opinion, the draft NPPF lacks adequate guidance and is a policy vacuum for the arts and cultural facilities especially the absence of a town's evening economy (PPS4) thereby excluding any interest for The Theatres Trust at this time. However, notwithstanding the lack of cultural matters in the NPPF, Policies SP10 and SP15 of the Haringey Core Strategy protect the Borough's cultural facilities and provides solid support for their maintenance and improvement.

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