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Thank you for your letter of 28 September consulting The Theatres Trust on the CIL draft charging schedules for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk councils.

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.'*

The Trust recognises the importance of planning obligations to assist theatre owners in becoming more self-reliant and to obtain better buildings by using the planning system and working with the private sector. We are concerned that theatre buildings do not benefit appropriately under the terms of S106 and other agreements, and that it will increasingly be necessary to unlock new sources of funding to help pay for significant improvements to them. Theatres always need improvements to keep pace with public expectations and the needs of performers and producers.

The change to S106 obligations will remove their ability to provide funding or the provision of cultural infrastructure. Therefore, if local authorities want to obtain funding for cultural infrastructure they will have to produce a charging schedule and adopt CIL prior to April 2014, effectively making CIL mandatory.

We are concerned that Section 106 agreements will only be permitted if they are 'directly related' to new developments and will of course be scaled back by 2014, and that from April 2014, a S106 agreement cannot seek contributions for funding or the provision of relevant cultural infrastructure. We hope therefore that the new CIL charging schedule will include provision for arts facilities and advise that currently Arts Council England recommends a standard charge of £149.30 per person in new housing.

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