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Good Afternoon	
My comments on your Local Plan Issues & Options consultation are as follows:	
We are interested in the Council's proposals for a new cultural quarter centred on The Lights. Please ensure the Trust is engaged in any planning applications concerning The Lights as per our statutory remit, and we would also encourage consultation at an early stage as such plans are developed.	
With regards to Question 29, we would encourage a more flexible approach to be taken within town centres. A broader mix of uses including cultural provision can help minimise vacancies and create activity at different times of day and night.	
Otherwise, we would strongly encourage your Local Plan to include a strong policy protecting existing community, cultural and social facilities from unnecessary loss.	
We look forward to being further consulted as your Plan develops.	
Kind regards,	
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Theatres Trust	

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