

## Response ID ANON-8CC9-KD5H-3

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Organisation

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Theatres Trust

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### 1. Overview and objectives

**Do you agree that these are the right Objectives for the Local Plan?**

Agree

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

We are particularly supportive of Objectives 2 and 9 in terms of our remit, as theatres and other cultural venues contribute tremendously towards the vitality of town centres and the social and cultural well-being of local people. There is scope for the plan to support the important role venues such as the Regal in Minehead and the Brewhouse in Taunton play in bringing people into town centres and providing opportunities for local people to engage and participate in cultural activity.

### 5. A prosperous economy

**Question 4a: Should we ensure the growth of our local economy through an increase in the proportion of higher value jobs (with limited increase of jobs overall) or through a significant increase in the number of jobs?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

**Question 4b: Should we keep all of our existing employment sites and allocations in employment use or should we allow the loss of some to other uses? How should we decide which ones to lose?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

**Question 4c: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

Please provide comments (250 words max):

## 10. Wellbeing of our residents

**Question 9a: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

Please provide comments (250 words max):

It is important to note that community, cultural and social facilities play an important role in supporting well-being. The plan should therefore provide strong protection for these types of facilities to ensure it accords with paragraph 92 of the NPPF.

## 11. Policies for our places: Taunton

**Question 10a: How do you think we could introduce more housing into Taunton Town centre?**

Not Answered

Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):

**Question 10b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

Please provide comments (250 words max):