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Community Infrastructure Levy

Thank you for your email of 23 January consulting The Theatres Trust on the CIL preliminary draft charging schedule.

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We support the setting of a nil rate for 'All other development' as D1, D2 and some sui generis uses (e.g. theatres) often do not generate sufficient income streams to cover their costs. Consequently, they require some form of subsidy to operate, and this type of facility is very unlikely to be built by the private sector.

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