

## BING1 – Community Facilities

### Comment

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**Respondent:** Theatres Trust (Mr [REDACTED] Clarke [REDACTED]) [2546]  
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**Full text:**

We support this policy and the plan's aspiration to protect valued facilities including Bingley Arts Centre/Little Theatre. For enhanced effectiveness and robustness we recommend extension of the period of evidence to 18-24 months, and an absolute minimum of 12 months. Paragraph 98 of the NPPF (2024) guards against unnecessary loss. We consider six months would be insufficient to demonstrate redundancy, and would make it more challenging for community groups or others to seek to fundraise and bid to take on facilities.