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**Ref SMD/2025/0312 & SMD/2025/0313** Foxlowe Arts Centre Ltd Mr Chris Thompson listed Building Consent, Partial Demolition and Rear Extension

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for consulting me with regards to the above planning applications and proposed development of the Foxlowe Arts Centre, I think this will be a wonderful addition to the Foxlowe Arts Centre venue for our town and enhance the existing tourism, visitor and resident experience.

As a neighbour of the Foxlowe Arts Centre venue, garden and car park however I wish to raise the following points and views which I would ask the planning committee to consider during the application process please:

- **Windows to the North Elevation** – will these be able to look out onto the rear gardens and properties in Foxlowe Mews and impact on our privacy?
- **New car parking bays** – will these be closer to the boundary in what is the existing garden area and increase noise as vehicles enter/exit
- **Soundproofing/ventilation** – currently we can regularly hear shows taking place when we are inside our property and in our garden as well as audiences, this is some-part due to the venue opening doors and windows in warm weather and also during the intervals as people spill out of the bar. Will the new venue have adequate soundproofing and ventilation to minimise noise disruption?
- **Drainage, landscaping, retaining bank** – will there be any increase in the drainage provision of surface water and other drains, will this have any impact on the natural drainage from the existing garden down the retaining bank/wall of Foxlowe Mews?
- **Trees** – Foxlowe Mews is surrounded on three sides by well established large trees, some of which we maintain along our boundary with Brough Park and others belong to the council in the disused Cemetery and Stockwell Street Car Park the council are yet to carry out any tree management/maintenance discussed with your tree officer over a long period of time. These do impact on the light we get internally and in our gardens, On the plans I see a

proposal for three trees to be planted on the north boundary above our gardens, **I would ask that these are not planted and an alternative suggested for landscaping** as they may be small when planted but will not stay small and this would block all our light from the south facing elevation, impacting on our living conditions as they would be at such a great height above our ground level to start with before they start to grow!

- **Car parking provision for 350 capacity venue** – what is the proposal to cope with the increased volume of traffic, will the Council car park be open to the public, this will increase noise later in the evenings as people leave?
- **Building work disruption** – please can working hours, days and operational practice be considered as the building site is literally in our back garden
- **Premises Licence** – with an increased programme of events and shows please can consideration be given to the impact of local residents of the operating hours and access to external areas during the evenings and the egress of the venue

Thank you once again for your time and consideration, I do think this will be a fabulous asset for Leek.

Kind regards

Ms E Hulse

Foxlowe Mews, Leek