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Dear Mr Fowler

Scene & Heard supports Planning Application for Central Somers Town 2015/2704/P

Scene & Heard is a unique mentoring project that partners the disadvantaged children of Somers Town, London with volunteer theatre professionals. We give the children intensive, one-to-one adult attention, enabling them to write plays, which are then performed by professional actors.

We have been working consistently in this area for the past seventeen years and have built up an enviable reputation across London for creating extraordinary theatre in partnership with the children of Somers Town. Our work improves the outcomes for these children and provides high impact professional theatre in an underserved area. We mentor our local children, providing an environment where they can have fun, learn and grow.

We work in close partnership with St. Aloysius Junior School and Edith Neville Primary School, who both refer children they consider to be in need of our intervention. We also work with Plot 10 after school club which is both an important resource for the families we serve as well as a resource for us. We hold our intensive writing weekends at Plot 10 and regularly use the space outside of play hours throughout the year for rehearsals and classes.

Our partners Edith Neville and Plot 10, are at the heart of Somers Town and crucial to the Somers Town community, supporting local young people and their families. There is considerable research which shows the effects of surroundings on children's development and learning. We are wholly aware of the state of disrepair of both Edith Neville and Plot 10 and witness first-hand the challenges for staff working in sub-standard conditions. The children and families of Somers Town deserve much better facilities.

This planning application is an opportunity to develop high quality learning environments for those who need them most. We are therefore writing to you in support of the application, which we hope will be approved, benefiting Somers Town and its residents now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Roz Paul
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