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Dear Mhora,

I have just been alerted to the Theatres Trust website to read what is reported about the demolitions at East Street, Farnham and the Redgrave. The impression given is that the Redgrave is about to be demolished. This is not the case.

Waverley Borough Council are demolishing derelict buildings which they own to tidy up the site, which had been attracting vandals and vermin. The developers are not involved in any way. The Redgrave cannot be demolished in this way as it is attached to listed Brightwell House. There is a building condition imposed on the developers to supply a detailed plan of demolition and reconstruction of Brightwell House for approval, prior to demolition. We do not believe that the Council would be able to carry out this complicated and expensive work themselves.

The developers, Crest Nicholson Sainsbury are not likely to start work on the East Street site until at least 2011 and their contract with Waverley is still conditional. Only when the plan becomes viable for both WBC and CNS can the contract become unconditional. The viability of the CNS plan remains doubtful due to the large number of flats and retail units, which at present would be unsaleable.

The Farnham Theatre Association is still hopeful that the present development plan may collapse - or will be significantly changed - and we are working on ways in which we can re-present the case for the retention of the theatre. We believe that Waverley's 'gung-ho' attitude over their demolitions, merely is an attempt to cover up their uncertainty over East Street.

Kind regards,

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