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First of all, I would like to state my comments are not anti the Theatre Royal. The theatre has been and is an integral part of the city centre and has been for a very long time.

However, I have been living in Rosewell Court since 2014 and in that time, I have seen with my own eyes and have videos and photos of the on-going damage to the pavement on Monmouth Street by the Theatre Royal. Very large articulated trucks mount the pavement every time they back their trucks into the rear of the theatre, this is for scenery for old and new shows this can be 4 times a week. Only a year ago the whole pavement was changed to new blocks at a cost of £15k, in only three weeks new cracks were appearing. Right now, there are 26 damaged and cracked pavement slabs. I have been told by highways that this will be repaired by the council at a cost.

Why are we having to pay for damage by the theatre?

Why did we have to pay for the new slabs that were installed by the council due to damage by the theatre trucks. Isn't this criminal damage?

Or have they been told by the council it's OK, as the only other solution for this is for them to use two small trucks instead of one?

If this is the only solution, then can the paving be replaced with a material that is more appropriate to the use?