

The Future of Carnegie Library: Questions to Ask

Please see overleaf for the background to these questions

Timing

What would need to be done before the building re-opens & how long would this take?

Why is the library closed in the meantime (making no savings)?

Number of books

How many books would be in the building when it re-opens?

How many books would there be for Children, how many for Teens and how many for Adults?

User Groups

What provision would there be for existing user groups to meet, as before, in the library?

Would they have to pay? If so, how much?

Safe access for children

Would Criminal Records checked staff always be present in areas to which unaccompanied under 16s have access?

Costs

What is the total subsidy of the Healthy Living Centre and building expected to be in 2017/18 and 2018/19 respectively? What was the budget for Carnegie Library for 2015/16?

Why is Lambeth subsidising GLL when it claims it has closed the library because of cuts?

Why did Lambeth reject the community/staff mutual proposal, given their own plans haven't made savings from 1st April?

Space allocated to the Library

What spaces (if any) would be set aside solely for library use at all times?

Would the library be located in the central rooms as now?

If floorplans show shared spaces for library use and other uses, what are the other uses and how will this work in practice?

Would noisy activities such as exercise classes be located in or adjoining library use spaces?

Librarians

On which days and for what hours would trained library staff be present?

How many would be there at the same time?

What would be their responsibilities?

Control of the building

In the event of an asset transfer to a community organization, how would Lambeth envisage the GLL plan fitting in, if at all? Who would have control of the building?

Car parking

Have you carried out a survey on the increased parking requirements? Would local residents' parking be affected?

Plan B?

Was any market research done about the need for a gym in this location?

How would the library service at the building be affected if the Healthy Living Centre did not break even by 2018/19 as required by Lambeth?

What would happen to the building?

Is Lambeth able to commit that it will not sell off the building?