



Carnegie Library Community Hub Project

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

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The Next Chapter Questionnaire

What do you think of the outline Options?

Option1 - Library as is.

Not going to happen.

A wonderful community resource which could be developed.

It keeps people up to date what is going on and to learn more about computers.

The library needs a lot of space for books and computers - there is not enough space anywhere else.

I don't think traditional libraries are viable long term so I am supportive of the building being used for alternative community activities.

This for the biggest library space.

Given the financial constraints, I don't see how this can work - the Carnegie is fortunate to have very ample space for a library and complementary uses.

I think this is the best and simple option.

Do we really need a library?

This is the only option that will retain the spirit of the library. Things such as lockable shelves on wheels could be deployed to make it a flexible space.

Plus developments as below.

Under use the space occupied - so removing it from other non-library uses

Yes, if the current library service wants all the space.

Kids and parents need library to teach kids the value of spending time.

Not viable surely?

Library Service is essential in its present space if at all possible. Re-configure the use, shelves on rollers etc.

Flexible use of ancillary space. Retains focus of being a library.

But I realise this most unlikely to happen.

Very little real demand for café, check how empty current local ones are, no development site.

A ramp up to the ground floor would be good and a café in the basement an excellent idea.

I feel like many others that this library was donated so should remain a library.

I wonder if as suggested the library shelves could be moveable to the sides of the room, so that the space could be multi-purpose. I have been told that there is a clash with the library service over the times it would be available.

Ideally, but not realistic re need to raise funding for the building.

Think the library is great as it is, so if any income-generating activity could be in basement that is great.

I'm passionate about finding a solution where library is the core and commercial exercises are in all the front rooms.

This building was created as a library and should remain so.

The library is the service we most want to retain. I like the idea of the gallery running being transferred to the Trust.

Not really used enough - needs developing.

This is the only Option which keeps the library service (for which the Carnegie was designed) central to the building/hub.

There are underused spaces at present.

This is my preferred option, as it returns the library to its central position.

I don't like any of the proposals.

Maximise library space.

It seems to be a thriving library and I think that should remain the priority.

Building too big for library as is, and no demand exists to enlarge the library.

As long as it gets the funding it needs through other enterprises.

The building is underused - I am not sure creating a basement (which is expensive) would help the situation.

Under-utilised resource but love the library.

Agree with suggestion to use the main space for a range of services and consolidate the library.

I prefer this option because it gives the library most space, not because I resist change.

Realise the need to generate income, but library must remain the primary purpose of the building.
 As a family with young children we use the library every Friday for children's group and library.
 Good option but café would not bring in enough funds.
 This Option I agree with, but remove café in basement. Café would not raise funds needed - Nursery would, there is the demand.
 Café not a good fund raiser. Need something that would bring in money in basement.
 Surely the other Options should and would include the library with the amount of space? The café can be a community hub with multiple benefits.
 Do not like the idea of the restricted use of basement area as café (but as commercial area).
 I like it but it would also be nice to consider other things.
 I like the library as it is - with the quiet open space as you enter - but have no objection to improvements to the use of this space as a library (eg comfy reading corner, IT area etc) and to other parts of the building being made better use of. I think the options given are a little too black and white (serving particular groups of the community and excluding others - rather than creating spaces accessible to all and multi use at different times)
 Strongly support idea of cafe/restaurant in building. Not convinced that and rentable workspace alone will generate sufficient revenue to run building
 Not financially viable from Lambeth viewpoint.
 But recognise it may be unviable.
 Don't let's lose what we have. If Lambeth move out if the admin areas, there is a whole large room to the right of the front door which could be used.
 Not all spaces are used to their full potential.
 Needs reconfiguring in order to make building more viable.
 I like the Library as it is because it provides quiet, reflective space and the space open to all which has begun to be used in different ways [work spaces upstairs, some voluntary group use and exhibition]. However the current use does not realise the potential of the whole building, some space is underused and overall the potential of a wonderful building is not fully realised. This means that the current use as is is not sustainable in the long term.
 Use the basement as storage. At present Lambeth is paying for storage elsewhere and this cost could be avoided by bringing the basement into use. The main room is available for use by community groups six evenings and several days each week.
 Its good as a library but I don't feel that the whole space needs to be entirely a library as there is a large floor space that could be put to further use for the community.
 I like the size of the children's library as is.
 The library space currently used is beautiful and spacious. It would be a shame for the local community to lose access to this space.
 No reason why main library area couldn't be better designed to facilitate other evening use - retractable shelving etc.
 Should be used more not just a few days per week.
 Mixed use is good, its such a large building it should be used more.
 Wasted space - would be great to see it put to use and also to be a more vibrant space for things.
 This historic building is of real value and should be used by the local community by bringing back a functions or a series of functions which can be used by the local residents.
 This would be my preferred option as it is disgraceful that a core public service is having to give up much of its space due to cuts arbitrarily imposed on it
 We love the library and would be happy for it to stay as is, if possible.
 I feel it could improve the use of its space, as for some parts are left almost unused.
 Not used fully.
 The Library as it currently exists obviously isn't sustainable or presumably this consultation wouldn't be taking place? Whilst this may be a shame, developing this wonderful building for sustainable community use for future generations and as a means to maintain the library service must be good sense.
 Underused, not open every day though.
 It is great for my son to meet other children, and me to meet other mums. Story time, arts and crafts and music groups have all gone down really well with my toddler.
 I like this because it retains the main library as well as the children's library and gallery where they are. I would be happy for the rentable space to be increased by shared use of the library rooms, with the furniture including moveable bookshelves with shutters that could be wheeled out of the way to make the main hall in particular usable for events. I am sure this would be possible. I am not at all sure about the 'cafe and associated kitchen in the basement', as I do not see how it could draw in enough custom to make it a going concern in this residential area.

I understand the issue of affordability. But I don't want the library excluded from the central space - the place where readers were first allowed direct access to bookshelves. Hence option 1.5 - see below.
 The family and I love the library but don't visit as much as I'd like to. I've recently started doing a yoga class there, which is great and brings me in more often. I'd be quite happy to see it stay the same if it weren't at risk of closing.
 A well designed space for reading and research

Option 2a - Nursery in basement.	<p>Too many about, no decent income. OK. If needed to raise income. At least it helps community. Gives mothers and children a chance to know each other more. Space???</p>
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It would be a shame to lose all the basement area to one use though. I guess it could help finance the project? If so I would be more open to this idea.

Variants depend on which offers the best chance of both being complementary and giving significant financial support.

Any option involving basement excavation will be very costly - nursery is better than a gym - children - BOOKS.

Is there really a demand?

Good idea for commercial enterprise that will bring in money and provide useful service for local community.

Privatising space that should be available to the whole community if possible.

Unless there is known local demand, I don't think a basement nursery will appeal enough to create new demand.

Although I appreciate this may be difficult/expensive to build.

A permanent and invasive business proposition.

Marginalises library.

But no development site on garages. Garden is used for current residents.

Dislike as would like a café - would the nursery be private?

Not in keeping with the project vision of retaining as much as possible of the building.

Just concerned basement space is not very suitable for a nursery.

Possibly but need to scope whether this is commercially viable.

Nursery could be lucrative, although practically probably awkward.

Could cut off too much room for the public (including the garden) and may not be a financial goer.

This option is not compatible with a public usage of the space: too many restrictions.

No. Not nice for kids and how much will excavating it cost? Impossible to make sense without much better thinking about finances, cost, possible income.

Child protection issues

Too many in the area.

Impractical due to strict separation of nursery space. May be better to convert the garages to a nursery?

Most financially viable. Would be quiet in evenings. Good idea to open basement.

Expensive and disruption to immediate surroundings.

Too restrictive for other uses.

No more private nurseries needed in area - unsuitable outside areas, as garden should be for all users, not just nursery.

There is great demand for affordable childcare in Herne Hill.

Want to retain public use of outdoor space.

Basement only.

I would think that a nursery should have more natural light than is found in a basement.

Agree with recommendation.

Would only be of interest to one section of the community - other facilities available locally.

Great idea! We hope it can be used for Cadet Rouselle which is in need of more space.

More library, less Trust, more community. No gym.

The Trust has too much space in this option, library too small.

Dislike due to library too small & Trust too much space.

If it is a community minded idea but if it is a private nursery I do not see the benefit.

It seems sharing the garden with nursery users and all other users may be a problem, and may be too permanent a use long term. Although there may be large demand for a nursery.

Like this option best with room changes. Could the library area rooms 9 and 10 be Trust areas and Trust area 4 be library area? Computer & reading areas important.

Will bring life to the building and keep the educational spirit going.

I don't object to a nursery but perhaps a crèche which operates at certain times to allow parents to participate in community activity etc might be better than just a blanket use for private nursery.

I am receptive to the idea of a supplementary business in building (nursery/gym etc) but unhappy about lack of a cafe. I am open-minded about the library being moved to different rooms but unhappy about idea of main hall being empty/unused for most of week.

Building not really suitable.

Assuming there is demand, this use is synergistic.

I hear this is unfeasible.

Great idea if there is adequate daylight with access to a outdoor play space. Even better if it is Cadet Rousselle French nursery.

Lots of nursery facilities in area. Reconfiguration/H&S too complicated.

This is not my preferred option, although I would not rule it out depending upon whether evacuation of the existing basement to create a new space is a realistic and feasible option. Planning for a sustainable future for the Carnegie has to include a reliable, medium term source of income. A nursery, whilst not ideal, would provide this.

There are better locations in the building and these are available without the expense of excavating the basement.

This is a fantastic idea. Nursery places are few and far between, and combining library and a nursery seems to be a brilliant plan. The children in our area will benefit no end from having the resources that the upstairs library will provide and the nursery will provide a guaranteed income to the Carnegie Hall and it will only get more popular. My daughter is currently attending Ecole Cadet Rouselle and it would be the best situation for us if they were able to use the space in Carnegie Hall, not only increasing potential days / time that they are able to provide the nursery but also ensuring that this wonderful education and start in life provided by the teachers at this nursery stays in the Lambeth area.

Although there is great demand for nursery spaces in the area, I think adding a cafe is a really excellent idea and it seems the proposals are either/or rather than allowing for both. Library space too squished.

Poor environment for nursery.

As this is in a council-owned building it should provide free soft play area for children from 0-5 similar to Bees Knees in Battersea Arts Centre.

Not a terrible idea but it would be good to have a local cafe / arts centre with space for classes for families, etc.

As a residential area, a nursery would be nice and also entice mothers & children to the library.

It would be great to have a nursery in the basement. The library is in a residential area, with lots of families with children. This would be most helpful - and it makes sense as it is greatly compatible with the library as well.

If keeping the library as is, is not an option I would go for this option as it would be bringing another service to the area. However there are lots of nurseries in the area and I wonder if this a viable cost effective option

This will only serve those with young children, and only for a while. We prefer usage for the wider community.

I teach at l'école cadet Rouselle for the past 5 years , we are in desperate need of more space, this would be ideal to stay in the community , and I do believe it will also be beneficial for the building itself with a regular income.

It would be a great new premises for l'Ecole Cadet Rouselle nursery.

There is a shortage of Nursery education in the area, which can only be exasperated [sic] in coming years by the current boom in local birthrate. A nursery would bring reliable income to sustain the building, and children to the library. If a Cafe could be incorporated on the ground floor the regular flow of Mums could bring another reliable enterprise to support the building's less profitable areas.

ECOLE CADET ROUSSELLE

I would like the ecole cadet rouselle to be there !!

Having a nursery at Carnegie library is a great idea, but you must ensure adequate daylight, appropriate toilet facilities and access to outdoor play space.

This would be a great idea. I know that a local French nursery has applied to take up this space and fully support this extended use of the building.

I do not agree with moving the library into 3 rooms at the front of the building, and having the current main hall available for letting. I am worried about any necessary sound proofing and the possible clash between concurrent events and library use. It is not clear where the adult /teen library would be, but I do not think there is enough space in those 3 rooms for the current expanding uses of the library facilities. I do not think the basement is suitable for a nursery and I fear there are too many other alterations that would be needed to make it work. Children need outside space and I think the current garden is too small and would lose its hard worked upon charm if it became the garden/playground of a nursery.

The rear gardens would only be needed by the nursery mon-fri for a few hours every day. Most garden users currently use at weekends. So I think the two are compatible. A nursery would generate a totally reliable income sufficient to maintain the building with good planning. In fact I'd be surprised if it couldn't over time build up an endowment fund.

I dislike any option which restricts the library to the three front rooms.

A quite like this idea but would it be a private nursery or one more open to the community? Would it bring in enough money?

Removed from the quiet space of the library; direct side access for buggies. would the access hours be early and late enough for parents dropping and collecting children (and no caretaker)?

Option 2b - Gym in basement.

Too many, too sweaty, no balance.

This would also be OK if subsidised for local residents on low income.

Help all ages out of crime, place to go.

Expensive space.

It would be a shame to lose all the basement area to one use though. I guess it could help finance the project? If so I would be more open to this idea.

Variants depend on which offers the best chance of both being complementary and giving significant financial support.

There is already a good choice of gyms locally.

Any option involving basement excavation will be very costly - nursery is better than a gym - children - BOOKS.

Once sold we will not get space back.

Doesn't seem to fit with the ethos and style of building.

We have a successful gym at Brockwell Lido.

I don't mind the idea but it is quite an exclusive use of the space.

There are a few gyms already in the area.

There are several gyms in Herne Hill.

Marginalises library.

Much better idea but I would suggest that TV and loud music is banned. Earphones only.
Too much noise for residents in evening. No development on garages, parking?
Would the gym be expensive/private?
Definitely not. Why on earth do we need a gym when we already have one 10 mins walk away?
Enough provision in the area.
Loads of gyms in area so don't think this would work.
Needs to be commercially viable.
No more of the building should become residential
We don't need a gym! Gyms are expensive and for the wealthy. There is one in Brockwell Park.
Already well provided for in the area.
Not a community use.
Impractical due to works required and competition with other gyms.
Probably not financially viable and other gyms around. Dance hire space a possibility.
Expensive and questionable revenue generation.
There are loads of gyms in the area.
Trying to do too many different things. Costly needs equipment maintain, there's enough gym facilities in area.
Could take away from smaller local businesses such as yoga and get fit classes.
Basement only.
This seems a good use of the basement space if someone can be found to run it efficiently.
I like this but can you not combine it with residential to increase income?
Agree with recommendation.
Minority interest; as with nursery probably precludes other use in future.
Great idea! Me and my family would definitely use it.
More library, less trust, more community. No gym.
Too many gyms in area already. Trust has too much space.
Dislike due to library too small & Trust too much space.
There is a well equipped gym at Brockwell Lido, Completely unnecessary. Not needed.
Too much residential - not for the general community
There are enough gyms. I think Carnegie Library needs to remain a community space - a hub in an area which lacks amenities and could attract people from more deprived adjoining areas to also benefit. Having said that, creating multi use space eg hard wood floor where dance, drama, yoga, arts/crafts, choir practice, market stalls etc can take place would be a really positive development.
We don't need lots of equipment and sweaty people but do very much need spaces to meet and mix with others, interact with other generations/cultures/diversity, learn, combat loneliness, learn new skills, earn some income, be digitally included etc.
I am receptive to the idea of a supplementary business in building (nursery/gym etc) but unhappy about lack of a cafe. I am open-minded about the library being moved to different rooms but unhappy about idea of main hall being empty/unused for most of week.
Maybe. Despite what the ex says, there's a limited supply of gym facilities, and e.g. the lido gym is very expensive.
There are plenty of gyms within reach and the space isn't very well suited to this use.
I hear this is unfeasible.
There is a series of great local parks nearby for exercise.
Gym facilities available in area. Reconfiguration too costly.
Gyms make their money by opening long hours and the neighbours would object.
Personally I don't believe that a gym goes hand in hand with the library upstairs and it will separate out the two areas rather than combine them.
There is a gym in the Lido (although it is too expensive for a lot of people including me). Also, I think a cafe type thing would benefit more people. Library space too squished.
Too commercial / although on a personal note I would like it as I only live round the corner, but I do think a more community based approach is needed as it is a public space.
Would this be a private gym or one like Better gym which is a social enterprise? More information is needed on this.
This will only serve gym goers and not the entire community.
There is no shortage of exercise facilities in the area. This doesn't really gel well with the building's history or the library.
There are excellent local gym facilities. Camberwell Baths has had a dramatic facelift and offers high quality facilities that the library would not be able to replicate. This does not seem either a feasible or appropriate option.
I know this gym idea has been dismissed as impractical and in any case this is dependent on the library being squeezed into 3 front rooms.
I dislike any option which restricts the library to the three front rooms.
I feel there are lots of gyms around and, personally, wouldn't use it - but I'd support it if it kept the library open!
Are there any shower facilities (users would need these)?; i would guess there is insufficient space to have the volume of users to make it a viable option. and do we really need another gym?

Option 2c - Residential in North Wing
/ Café in basement.

Best of available.
No. This is a community building trusted to Lambeth. Totally inappropriate.
It would be nice to have café so people can socialise sometimes over a nice cup of tea and chat.
No to residential - against Carnegie's principles. Café - maybe.
More residential puts a strict limit on future flexibility - but do favour a café.
Not a very good location for a basement café. Cafés need footfall.
Residential OK.
Residential not my preferred option but seems most likely to bring in reliable income.
Oppose any residential uses in the building: conflict with public access and also noise issues.
No!! To residential. Yes to café. Very unclear Options.
Definitely NOT residential. This is a public building with a brilliant public service history. Do not let it be hijacked.
I don't think the basement sounds like a very attractive space for a café. It's not clear in the plans if it would have lots of windows to the garden
Strongly dislike residential space. Would take the lovely space from the community.
Inappropriate, irreversible, one off for quick gain. No!
Marginalises library.
But no café, too noisy and not commercial. No development on garages.
The library would be tiny.
This Option would be too expensive.
Not sure about residential. Café for the whole community, lunch club for the elderly, cooking classes for young and old. Produce from garden/soup kitchen nutrition.
Should not lose any building to housing.
A café in the basement will never attract customers.
Too much expense incurred without confidence of a return and it would be difficult to convert.
This Option compromises public usage.
No. Not nice for kids and how much will excavating it cost? Impossible to make sense without much better thinking about finances, cost, possible income.
Hate the idea of excavating the basement, also it is a listed building, and already very large.
A good use - would basement be a bit gloomy for a workspace?
Would result in permanent loss of public space.
No more residential flats in the building, please.
Could provide substantial income.
Don't want to see residential in this building. Instead how about buying existing flats and converting?
Too complicated.
This would only work in the long term if the residential unit(s) were rented out. A basement café is not ideal though.
Residential presumably would provide income to keep the library.
Agree with recommendation.
Need for affordable housing locally but would regret losing public space.
There is not a café near to us on Herne Hill Road and this would be a much used resource
The area cannot cope with any more residential flats due to lack of services e.g. school, GP, transport overcrowding.
Dislike due to library too small & Trust too much space.
The café can be used as a hub for community and business and organisations. Residential will put more strain on competitive places in local services.
Good as all for community use.
I think residential and cafe space should be part of the mix - but too black and white as a model. I want to see something much more ambitious in terms of the potential to really make this an exciting community hub, of benefit and use by all local residents, not just a lucky few or taken over as the latest place to hang out for a cappuccino. It needs to be more flexible and ambitious to be sustainable.
Do not wish to see any further residential development of building.
Would a proper cafe be used sufficiently? "Community" cafes tend to get used by regulars who see themselves as "the community" and don't spend much. Maybe a small facility offering tea and proper coffee and maybe snacks, but not lots of tables and space.
A basement cafe would be cut off from the rest of the building, and us likely to suffer a lack of light and had height.
As long as a space is dedicated to a French nursery, then I don't mind the configuration.
The building is for community use - not private residential.

This is my preferred option. There are already flats in the building, so this development is consistent with existing use. It would provide a reliable income and return on investment, would not disturb other proposed use e.g workspaces, use by the community for a variety of activities (in the Trust space), nor would it disturb library use. It also (in a very modest way) meets a need for residential accommodation in London. A reliable source of income would then enable the Trust to move forward with imaginative uses for the rest of the space which will be extremely difficult without this kind of income.

We need to encourage community and SME uses. A cafe serving alcohol to late in the evenings would be unacceptable to the neighbours and it would compete with the proposed redevelopment of the stable block in Ruskin Park.

it is a shame if part of the central building became residential as it is lovely and should be accessible to the community and not just benefit those rich enough to buy the property (unless it was social housing.....) Library space too squished.

Hard to convert back to public use, slippery slope to more residential.

Café in basement.

What a shame to use the space for more residential space when it could add so much more to the local area.

We don't like the idea of more residential in the building.

The building should remain public space.

I would rather the rooms in the north wing are kept for flexible hire for the foreseeable future, instead of converting them for residential use. I am not clear if they would be for rent or be sold off for private use. In this option the library is squeezed into 3 front rooms which I am against. I am very cautious about a cafe in this building in principle as I am not sure it would be profitable.

I find it hard to imagine how a cafe would have sufficient custom.

I dislike any option which restricts the library to the three front rooms. And I agree with the PG, flats is the worst way to go.

My only objection is that the cafe would not be used enough if it was in the basement.

Option 3a - Workspaces in basement
/ Café on ground floor.

I like the idea of work spaces in the basement because they can have many uses.

Too much noise. Quiet space is wanted.

No. Not an inclusive use of the space.

Give young and old a place to go.

No to café on ground floor. Workspaces possible.

I've ticked this because it is flexible and there are a lot of self employed people in the area.

If, the workspaces options are financially strong, either might work. The café options depend heavily on financial viability.

If there is proven demand. Plus access from café to garden would be beneficial.

I can't see this will be cost effective.

Workspace OK.

Café better upstairs.

Workspaces will be out of sight in the basement; but the space is suitable for cinema/noisy activities.

If free of charge with Wi-Fi.

Only if public workspace with Wi-Fi. This would be great for freelancers, students and similar.

Seems attractive, financially viable and flexible option.

I run a small business from my house in Herne Hill. I'm sure there are many like me. I would love an office here and would be prepared to pay a good rent to keep the majority of the building public.

A better idea, flexible spaces to suit a changing business environment/market.

Maybe, I don't understand proposal. Is basement conversion (i.e. excavation) required? If so this strikes me as too ambitious. Café would enhance creative use of library, but is it a cash-cow? I doubt it.

A café would be very acceptable as there's nowhere nearby for such a facility. Workspaces - what? I don't know what this means.

No café, no development of garages.

Not enough space for the library.

Not viable but then basically it's all about money i.e. selling off spaces for private renting.

Think café could be too smelly/ noisy next to library.

Forget the café.

Too much expense incurred without confidence of a return and it would be difficult to convert.

I do not agree with loss of gallery space.

No -not nice for kids and how much will excavating it cost? Impossible to make sense without much better. Thinking about finances, cost, possible income.

Hate the idea of excavating the basement, also it is a listed building, and already very large. Already got work spaces - in favour of these.

Good use - like idea of café to attract people into building as a meeting place.

Basement café best - as would be quicker.

I don't like this as the library isn't returned to its central position.

Workspaces are potentially good for revenue and more in tune with ethos of library/learning/development.

As long as the café is not taking up too much room.

Sort of okay, but café unlikely to be viable in this location.

Café could be too noisy for library users.

This seems a good use of both ground and basement.

Husband wants the workspace as a small start up but must have Wi-Fi and mobile phone connections. Unlike Brixton Town Hall workspace!!

Best option - good balance. Sound proofing will be important for café/bar.

Café on ground floor would be attractive if linked to library.

No way - bad Option.

Library space too small, Trust has too much.

Dislike due to library too small & Trust too much space.

Again, the café a good idea but not necessary to push out library space. Why do the Trust need so much room in all these Options except the first Option?

A cafe on the ground floor would be noisy and distract from the calm of the library. It would be nice however to use the small rear garden as part of the cafe in the spring/summer months.

Important to keep noise levels down as the library space is therapeutic for the peace and quiet it offers from the bustling world. That should be maintained, at least in parts of the building.

Strongly support idea of cafe/restaurant in building. Not convinced cafe and rentable workspace alone will generate sufficient revenue to run building.

Same point. Rentals from workspaces might be viable, but need to ensure no businesses that would have lots of traffic - people or goods. No early morning deliveries.

Does the cafe encroach on the library space? not keen on that

This is a good option, but only if the basement space is attractive to work in, and therefore able to get attractive rents.

As long as a space is dedicated to a French nursery, then I don't mind the configuration.

Both functions are desirable, but café in basement appears to offer a better and most cost effective configuration.

I don't think that this is viable as the income from the workspaces would be insufficiently secure to allow for the proper development of the project.

An expensive way of creating workspaces which would be less attractive to potential tenants than the rooms currently let and the room at the front of the building which will shortly be vacated. A

cafe would be nice but what is needed is a small one in the main room serving cold food and hot and cold soft drinks. There would be synergy between this and community uses.

I like that there would be space for local people to rent studio / work space. This could be great for the local community as long as it was affordable. It would mean that with the cafe being in the lovely central space that the general local community would still be able to enjoy this part of the building and the garden.

Noise impact of cafe greater on ground floor.

Nursery on ground floor.

Great idea.

Like this option the most. We think a cafe is a great idea and prefer it to be on the ground floor and not the basement. We like the idea of workspaces.

There is a lack of co-working spaces in SE London. It would be great if there were opportunities to "rent a desk" and meeting space, as well as office facilities (professional printer, etc). E.g.

<http://www.coworkinglondon.com/>

Community workspaces are rarely sustainable and mainly sit empty. There is a lot of low cost workspace available at Loughborough Junction. Cafe on the ground floor next to the library could be good.

I am very cautious about a cafe in this building in principle, but a small one on this floor might work. Workspaces in the basement are OK but again the library is squeezed into the 3 front rooms, which I do not want.

I find it hard to imagine how a cafe would have sufficient custom. Workspaces would be useful.

I dislike any option which restricts the library to the three front rooms.

This is my favourite idea. It would be great to have a proper cafe near the park but I think it needs to be on ground level to get enough people coming in. I like the idea of workspaces - what a lovely place to work.

See cafe points. Might rentals be subject to right to buy?

We don't want more over-priced accommodation in the area! How does that benefit the wider community?

Could north wing be used as a nursery?

I find it hard to imagine how a cafe would have sufficient custom. Residential would generate a sizeable capital receipt but little in ground rent every year. It would also compromise the setting of the building.

My only objection is that the cafe would not be used enough if it was in the basement. Also, would these be sold flats or rented ones bringing in income long-term? I would prefer rented.

Option 3b - Workspaces in North Wing/Cafe in basement

Only if free of charge with Wi-Fi.
Only if public workspace with Wi-Fi.
I don't think the basement sounds like a very attractive space for a café. It's not clear in the plans if it would have lots of windows to the garden.
Inappropriate, irreversible, one off for quick gain. No!
Maybe, I don't understand proposal. Is basement conversion (i.e. excavation) required? If so this strikes me as too ambitious. Café would enhance creative use of library, but is it a cash-cow? I doubt it.
No café, no development of garages.
Again library space too small.
Needs a bit more consideration.
Think this works the best if Option 1 not possible.
Too much expense incurred without confidence of a return and it would be difficult to convert.
I don't like the idea of the gallery being lost.
No. Not nice for kids and how much will excavating it cost? Impossible to make sense without much better. Thinking about finances, cost, possible income.
Hate the idea of excavating the basement, also it is a listed building, and already very large. In favour of workspaces but not basement.
Good use - like idea of café to attract people into building as a meeting place.
Café and workspace would be slightly separated from library but café may not provide enough income.
Workspaces are potentially good for revenue and more in tune with ethos of library/learning/development.
Sort of okay, but café unlikely to be viable in this location.
Great idea. Love it. Yes please. Just what our community needs.
As long as mobile phone and Wi-Fi.
But concerned at noise if cafe/bar use and garden and large number of offices - traffic would be a problem.
Still, Trust too much space, library more space. Café would not bring in enough funds.
Would this bring in enough funds? Again Trust too much space, library too little.
Dislike due to library too small & Trust too much space.
Workspaces is a nice idea. What sort of business will use them and will there be affordable ones for locals be rent?
Good, as all for community use.
Ditto comments as 2c - part of the mix, yes. Takeover by mac & cappacino lovers alone, not the vision I have for this wonderful space.
Strongly support idea of cafe/restaurant in building. Not convinced cafe and rentable workspace alone will generate sufficient revenue to run building.
Same point.

Would want a well-designed child friendly cafe with maybe a small area for children to play. Could this be open as a bar with food in the evenings? Possible as an event space as well.

Would want it to be a well designed child friendly cafe with maybe a small area for children to play in. Could this also open in the evening as a bar with food?
I don't see that a cafe basement would be attractive.
As long as a space is dedicated to a French nursery, then I don't mind the configuration.
Basement workspaces with only north facing windows would attract few potential tenants and the rents would be low, perhaps £5 a square foot, including services. The ground and upper floors will continue to attract tenants if south facing windows are not blocked by the proposed lift shaft.
It would be good if the cafe can open out into the garden.
This is ok but would be better if the wider community can access the central space and garden
Use workspace for nursery.
2nd favourite, only because we're not sure what it would feel like having a cafe in the basement.
Yet again the library is squeezed into the 3 front rooms, which I do not want, but I would prefer this option to 2c although.
I find it hard to imagine how a cafe would have sufficient custom. Workspaces would be useful.
I dislike any option which restricts the library to the three front rooms.
My only objection is that the cafe would not be used enough if it was in the basement.
Good to have a cafe with garden access, I would use the building more.

Other ideas for the Building?

How do we have classes/activities which raise revenue that all can afford? Classes for older people: computer use including Apple /digital photography / mobile phone use. Would like to keep library service and computers and children's services. Community Hub is essential for multi purposes.

(1) Film club in basement (2) storage in basement (3) workspace to be 'split' with removable partitions so space can easily be adapted (4) set up a computer training suite in some of the space.

Please retain this library as a Library. No more "community hubs" rubbish please!

Leave it as it is! The space is well used by the community at no cost to residents. It ain't broke. Why fix it?

(1) Could use as gardening training centre. (2) Please elaborate on proposed residential site development at rear of property. This has not been mentioned.

I quite like the idea of the library being used/hired out for events such as dinners/lunches as long as there are sufficient facilities and it doesn't prevent the library functioning well.

How about a hub with NO library? Lecture theatre? Cinema space?

To open a nursery.

Keep activities in basement separate from ground floor library.

Can gallery space be included in Options 3a or 3b? It would be a shame to lose this.

Would prefer the space to be used as flexibly as possible, with option to return whole building to public use in the future.

A space for exercise classes and kids activities would be great - maybe a soft play area?

Do not understand why Trust needs so much space.

There must be a library that is useful to everyone. More space for library use should be put in any of the other Options.

Options 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b give too much space to Trust. More for library and community.

I believe it is a good idea to keep the basement as a commercial/rentable space separate. This allows for optional uses.

It is great that this consultation has taken place. This is a very important space for the community. The library has been a central part of our lives since we moved here in 2006. Agree that it is a critical service that needs to be retained. We would really use the cafe. Possible additional uses of the community space could include: - Pop up spaces for local small scale artists and manufacturers to display and sell their work every three months - Cinema night every month or two - Evenings with talks where you can have a drink and opportunity to socialise for a while after the talk to be held every three months

I think this is a wonderful opportunity to transform the library to create a community hub which retains the essence of the library but also offers local residents enhanced ways to engage, to get and stay connected to the community and world around them so that they can be socially and digitally included whatever their age, ethnicity, disability, gender etc. I look forward to working with you to help realise this vision.

I strongly support the redevelopment of the Carnegie Library along the suggested lines but none of the current proposals quite fits my ideal scenario. I would like to see an option that combines library, cafe and gym/nursery as opposed to just an either/or option. I am not convinced the demand for rentable workspace can generate enough revenue to sustain the building as implied. A sustainable cafe/bar/restaurant along the lines of the Lido cafe in Herne Hill is absolutely essential to the success of the project, in my view. While I am open-minded about the library provision being moved to different rooms, I am also concerned by the prospect of the main hall sitting empty and redundant for large parts of the working week, which I think would undermine the public (and very worthy) goals of the project.

The main space could be used profitably as an event venue e.g. for weddings. As the basement is already on an incline could this unique structural feature be used to create an interesting performance space/cinema utilising the sloping nature and reduce additional excavation required?

The library should be in the main room as designed, the cafe in the gallery and the basement used as rentable storage.

I do not have a preference between the various schemes, only that the building is used in such a way as to make the library viable and keep it open.

Do we need to dig out the basement? There is a lot of space used currently by Lambeth, which when vacated could be a real asset, without the need for extensive digging!

Our eldest child has attended Cadet Rousselle French nursery nearby. It's run by a wonderful group of leaders but it's a cramped space which is not fit for purpose. Any dedicated space in this building which can be given over to this nursery would be a wonderful idea. Many thanks.

The library should be left as it is - basement work is complex and the efforts would be better concentrated on the existing floors and not the basement.

It is important that public spaces should be as flexible as possible and that there are still some library services and gallery space available. Being able to rent out office space will help revenue and provide a needed service for those living in the community. Cafes are very popular and will enhance people's visit as well as help with revenue.

Continue to be used as part library.

I am reasonably happy with the allocation of space to the library in the proposals, although it may need to be greater. All of the options assume that the basement will be excavated and I think there should be further consideration of options that do not include this (out of a concern about cost and feasibility). There is little attention in any of the proposals on how to use the ground floor space, which is very extensive, and so could be used to accommodate Trust activities and a cafe, possibly even alongside a residential development in the North wing. Future proposals might also explore how to access the garden from a ground floor cafe.

There will be plenty of space for community use once the refit takes place a few days after this consultation ends. Space is also being made for renting out. The Project Group's proposals will not generate enough income to cover the additional running costs they expect to incur. The building would be better left with Lambeth until a workable scheme for community ownership is formulated.

The Carnegie cannot go on as it is now - that is clear. Changes are needed and those changes must maximise the space available and the use of that space. I am not convinced that the options proposed do so. I was hoping to see evidence of a local consultation that gave more weight to the options proposed and the reasons and support for them. I hope, therefore, that this is just the first of many consultations involving local people and seeking their views. I would also like to see some evidence of costs associated with each option, together with detail of what income is already received and whether it may be relied upon in the future and following any changes. This consultation does not seem to acknowledge that the Library is in a Grade II listed building; this will doubtless be a major consideration in deciding what options are feasible and which are not. As far as use of the Library space is concerned, it must be demonstrated that it is what is required locally and that the chosen uses will pay for the maintenance of the building. I look forward to seeing more worked up and costed options being put out to consultation in due course.

Don't want a basement even if it could be funded - would be disruptive and the building is listed.

Something for local people would be great rather than things only rich / people with money can access. There is a lot of poverty and social isolation of older people in the area, so spaces for community groups / charities to set up things like youth clubs / community activities would be really great.

Mixed use library / function room in main ground floor room.

Please don't sell the building to a private property company as it will be lost to the community. Maybe it can become a nursery or even a school; Lambeth needs school places so it would be perfect for schools as lots of families live around the library.

Drop-in soft play area for babies and children.

I would like to know what vision the Director of Library Services and the Chief Exec of Lambeth Council have for the overall Library Service in the Borough. It seems to me that the Carnegie Library could play a pivotal role given the size and the quality of the building. The building could be used for the storage of books and archives. I appreciate that this could mean the demise of another building within the Library Service control. I do not think it is appropriate to develop a nursery or a gym - there are sufficient alternative resources of this kind locally. A cafe could be good but it needs to be somewhere pleasant where there is light - ie not in the basement.

Swimming pool and gym and library.

Why not have residential in North wing and workspaces in the basement? I would love to work and live in such a beautiful building.

I like it as it is and I'm not sure why you are suggesting changes.

Possibly work spaces in basement, café/ nursery on ground floor and north wing.

It would be great to have a mix of commercial and community-centred enterprises. A space for yoga classes, art classes, classes for kids I think would be very popular! A cafe is a great idea as long as it is well run, selling good quality home made cakes etc...

A nursery is a perfect way to serve the community and I think would greatly enhance the library project.

Ideally keep as much as a library, which I first visited in 1960, as possible.

Nursery for ecole Cadet Rousselle.

It would be perfect to maintain the facilities of a public library, refreshed with offerings such as reading groups and book clubs for children and adults, as well as general interest groups (e.g. chess group, publishing group, young poets, book launches, writers presentations, local history interest groups, potentially paid-for clubs for children such as Inkhead that foster creative writing, alternative film-showings, sketching and drawing etc). Co-working space on the top floor.

It would be good to use the space for an educational establishment rather than just leisure.

Let it stay as it is. Wonderful staff and lovely environment makes it one of my favourite local libraries.

Please don't let us lose this library and keep the space for the community. Nursery, public gym, brilliant.

Please consider hiring your premises to L'ecole Cadet Rousselle nursery. They are a lovely, nurturing school that needs a home. My daughter attends there, and has really blossomed, they have given her the opportunity to learn French and have .ade many bilingual families very happy to have found a French school for their children. L'ecole Cadet Rousselle is the only school in the area which offers French and we would love for them to find a decent home, and what a home it would be if their address was the Carnegie Library! We hope you give them that opportunity to grow, and we promise you that you will love their ethos and them as people as we! Many thanks for your time.

Could you have a cafe on ground floor/north wing and nursery in basement?

Nursery in basement, with café and community meeting space in North Wing.

I would like to see more sports activities for 0-5 year olds, there don't seem to be many opportunities locally for pre-school children to take part in dance, gym, non-touch rugby, and football.

Community space / youth club.

I would like to see the library as flexible space and feel sure this could arranged with use of modern equipment. This would allow those 3 rooms, main/teen library, childrens' and gallery to be available for hire out of library hours. I think the way the library has developed over the last few years is very encouraging, due to the Friends' hard work and inspiration but also to the hard work of Lambeth staff, having a dedicated manager and librarian who are enthusiastic about the building and the service. The complementary uses, the chess club, Ruskin Readers, various reading clubs must not be lost and I fear greatly for their survival if the library is reduced to the 3 front rooms.

All except the "library as is" Option significantly reduce the size of the library services which need to remain the most important part of the building. Cafe in basement good idea. NOT evening bar, as residential area.

I propose "option 1.5": Library in existing spaces; central area flexible and shared with Trust; Librarian's Room shared with Trust; Trust in south wing (gallery and meeting room); commercial spaces in north wing, including room 11 if possible, and basement. If Lambeth paid rent at all, it would be reduced for shared spaces. Using the consultants' methodology, this option gives the Trust a surplus of £32k pa and costs Lambeth £56k pa. This, I believe, meets the PG's need for a viable business plan while allowing the library to continue to use the central room. It depends on flexibility and on partnership between the library and the Trust. Also I suggest self-storage as a commercial option for the basement, and solar electric panels on the roof as a further income-generating possibility. I will mail more detail to 'getinvolved'.

You should retain PC/internet access for users; this would help students/researchers use the library as a source of non-print material; for lower waged/unemployed, it is a helpful alternative to internet cafes.

What would be the most important USES of the Carnegie building for you?

A library for all: main library, children's library, teen zone, computer access, reading & wildlife garden.

All these (options in this library section) go together. Plenty of room to accommodate all AND further complementary uses.

Not mutually exclusive.

The Carnegie was intended for this community.

Very important to retain this.

It would be good to know from the library services how much space they want?

Yes. Definition of what a library is should be is up for grabs. But being a library is an important valuable asset.

It's well used and well staffed so why change?

Most important aspect.

Libraries are a thing of the past. For info I go on internet or buy the book off Amazon.

Vital - this is the main activity.

I don't understand this! All these things are available now and all are important. All obviously depend on having the library as the main occupant of the building.

Would like to see wider opening hours.

Needed in this area for people without transport.

Remains an important function!

This is what the library was built for and is still its most important function.

Use library on regular basis already.

This is why the library exists - why change it?

In the community mix.

Yes definition of what a library is should be is up for grabs. But being a library is an important valuable asset.

Essential to encourage love of books.

Would like to see wider opening hours.

Needed to support future leaders to enthuse over books. Invite in authors etc.

Remains an important function!

This is what the library was built for and is still its most important function.

This is so important.

Teenagers should feel welcome and find library useful to them (as a library).

Good for school kids.

Not sure what this would be?

Yes if there is a demand.

Lambeth has lower than average literacy rates. It needs a library!

Wi-Fi and access to internet is probably a vital service and fits with being a library.

give some only local access

Important for people with no access at home but should not dominate.

Keen on this use..

The garden is a great asset potential for performance space, reading room and community activity (gardening).

Garden is also used by residents.

There is Ruskin Park / Brockwell Park.
Garden is pleasant but not essential.

A cultural hub

gallery space

These can all co-exist easily.
Significant - but surely capable of being accommodated alongside the above options (in the library section above).
Only if it makes money.
Can't really differentiate - all would be valuable.
The gallery is not really a gallery - noisy and bright.
A use that can complement library use of space.
Not financially viable.
Could work well with café and bar option.
Good use of walls.
Prefer not to lose this.

cinema club

Nice idea especially if there were one club for kids and one for adults.
Significant - but surely capable of being accommodated alongside the above options (in the library section above).
Very keen on this.
Only if it makes money.
Can't really differentiate - all would be valuable.
No need. Whirled Cinema already nearby.
Think this would work very well in Herne Hill.
A wonderful programme of cultural activity for all ages you would like to see in the orbit of a library, but who will organise and promote this if staff is cut more drastically than the public space in the building?
There is new cinema in Lordship Lane as well as at Brixton.
I doubt these are financially viable.
Could work well with café and bar option.
All could create an exciting centre for local people and could develop like Battersea Arts Centre.
There's cinema already.
Great idea!
Whirled Cinema is local and a great cinema. Do you need another one?

literary and artistic activities/events

I would have ranked this higher if I could. It's a great idea.
Significant - but surely capable of being accommodated alongside the above options (in the library section above).
Yes, please.
Only if it makes money.
Can't really differentiate - all would be valuable.

A wonderful programme of cultural activity for all ages you would like to see in orbit of a library but who will organise and promote if staff is cut more drastically than public space in the building?
I doubt these are financially viable .
Could work well with café and bar option.
All could create an exciting centre for local people and could develop likes Battersea Arts Centre

performance & rehearsal space -
music, dance, drama, poetry and
spoken word

Significant - but surely capable of being accommodated alongside the above options (in the library section above).
Only if it makes money.
Can't really differentiate - all would be valuable.

A wonderful programme of cultural activity for all ages you would like to see in orbit of a library but who will organise and promote if staff is cut more drastically than public space in the building?
I can see overcrowding coming.

Could work well with café and bar option.
All could create an exciting centre for local people and could develop likes Battersea Arts Centre.
Poetry and spoken word.

talks, debates and local interest group meetings

Definitely, yes.
Only if it makes money.
Can't really differentiate - all would be valuable.

A wonderful programme of cultural activity for all ages you would like to see in orbit of a library but who will organise and promote if staff is cut more drastically than public space in the building?

What about the front and side gardens?
Could work well with café and bar option.
All could create an exciting centre for local people and could develop likes Battersea Arts Centre.

Community /work /learning

community meeting rooms and facilities

My favourite option, together with a café - hopefully with access to the garden in summer drawing more people into the library. Also favour the main library space being used for talks, exhibitions.

Helps strengthen organisations.
This needs to include space for freelancers/homeworkers to come and work, and must have good Wi-Fi.
This would be very useful.
Possibly useful but what about St Saviour's? This is bookable and just down the road.
There are other places and empty rooms are not good (when not in use).
Good to have some flexible space.
Other facilities locally?
All good uses.

educational clubs and activities - e.g. homework; adult literacy class-es; U3A; language classes; careers advice

My favourite option, together with a café - hopefully with access to the garden in summer drawing more people into the library. Also favour the main library space being used for talks, exhibitions.
Very necessary for some local families.
Creates opportunities for people to meet, get out of the house, learn new things.
Library is port of call for these things. People need a place to go to get info and to sit quietly and read it, students, job seekers, self-improvers.
Priority!
Cinema ; theatre workshops ; creative writing and poetry.
Essential.
At Morley/ Lambeth College.
Natural home for these activities.
All good uses.

community clubs - e.g. chess, mine craft, gardening, arts & crafts

My favourite option, together with a café - hopefully with access to the garden in summer drawing more people into the library. Also favour the main library space being used for talks, exhibitions.
These can share multi-use room. Chess Club I know is popular but it won't pay for the library.
Yes if demand.
All good uses.

health & fitness classes and talks

My favourite option, together with a café - hopefully with access to the garden in summer drawing more people into the library. Also favour the main library space being used for talks, exhibitions.

Marginalises library use.
Connection with local surgeries or social services maybe they would be interested in using/hiring the space.

Other places probably more suitable - better not try and do everything.
 Yes if demand.
 Zumba!!
 All good uses.

more activities for young people

My favourite option, together with a café - hopefully with access to the garden in summer drawing more people into the library. Also favour the main library space being used for talks, exhibitions.

Desperate need for activities for teenagers.
 This can be covered in community clubs.
 Space should be available for this (multi-use) but this is also about personnel.
 Would they really go in here?
 Too vague.
 Yes if demand.

Café /bar /meeting place

daytime café

Pop-up.
 I think this is a great idea!
 But only on the ground floor. Would not be attractive in the basement.
 I'm sure it would be full always.
 Is there a real commercial demand?
 I am not sure these are really economically viable. Look at Dee's place on Herne Hill - it is empty.
 A small unit with coffee machine, kettle and cakes etc. might work at any time library is open. If successful might develop further, but not in basement.
 But not outside - noise problems.
 Nothing similar in immediate area - could be very valuable if reasonably priced.
 Both good uses

evening café/bar

Would fit better with Section 2.
 Not sure about evening bar.
 Not a bar.
 If it is just a café then great but a bar might create problems for local residents and other users of the building.
 But only on the ground floors. Would not be attractive in the basement.
 Not so much. Most people here have small children.
 Not at all thanks.
 Evening only.
 A small unit with coffee machine, kettle and cakes etc. might work at any time library is open. If successful might develop further. But not in basement.
 Evening café not needed.
 But not outside - noise problems.
 Both good uses
 Not important in itself.

Are there any other Uses you would like to see that are not listed?

Focus on primary care and mental health.
 Regular, seasonal craft sales.
 Support services for library also require space. If all space is rented out, how will library stock control and home delivery etc. operate?
 Offices, conversion of north wing to residential.
 Gardening/food growing classes for adults and children - maybe Trees for Cities in Ruskin Park could help. Music room/ singing 'drumming' scheme - this could even include local gardens. Local garden produce co-op making juice/ jam etc. - doing or sharing local peoples' gardens that don't use them
 If the central hall does become available for events, local schools might like to use it to hold nativity plays/fetes etc. Increasingly school halls are getting used as classrooms.
 Ballroom dancing/social dancing venue.

Music recording studio in basement? Could bring in young adults/teenagers: rap spoken word etc.

All the above uses have their place and everybody in the local community can benefit.

Community choir, dance, performance etc. Computer access should be more supportive/inclusive. Most people using these services will be infrequent users, perhaps without facilities at home.

Help and support should be available via the library/community hub.

Rentable function space (if not already covered by other options).

Cubs?

Cubs?

Business skills training.

Nursery - Cadet Rousselle.

Please ignore the above ranking. All the uses are important but those causing vibration or excessive noise belong elsewhere. See above for why an evening bar would be objectionable.

Job club. TESOL classes. Retirement support.

Nursery / Playgroup.

Post office / parcel pick up and drop off point. 3D printer. Workshop space.

Soft play area, messy play, cooking with children.

I have not completed the uses list above as I cannot comment on the importance of these activities other than as they affect me as an individual. If you want to know this, then the Main Library would be the only use in which I am interested.

I think Carnegie would be a great place to hire rooms per hour. I am a Nutritionist and would be a fab location to bring my clients for consultation.

Yes, a nursery .

A nursery would be perfect.

Can't click on above - library, cinema club,community use, talks...

Nursery. Huge problem of insufficient nursery places. A nursery would also generate a steady good income making so many other activities possible. A nursery would only need exclusive outdoor space at set times mon-fri daytime so I don't see any conflict being unresolvable.

Nursery basement & performance & rehearsal space.

A nursery.

The choices should be made dependent on where there is demand, rather than what locals could imagine the library should be used for.

Nursery.

There is a French nursery that is looking for a nursery space - if they could use the facility it would allow a vibrant young community a focus for their important activities.

Space for a nursery.

Nursery.

Children's Nursery School.

I think a nursery/preschool would be a good use of some of the space.

Nursery.

pre-school/nursery

NURSERY

More space and activities for young people.

In my opinion this is an impossible list to put in order, so I have not attempted it. All of the above are important, and with the exception of the evening cafe/bar* could work alongside each other within the hub. * evening cafe/bar, definitely not suitable in this quiet residential area. See the noise problems Dee Dee is causing on the nearby parade of shops Herne Hill.

Rent a studio space as I work from home.

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The numbering system above isn't working and so does not represent my view. My preference is 1. Library for all 2. Community / work / learning 3. Cultural hub 4. café / bar / meeting place.

Learning and enlightenment HAS to remain the priority, in honour of Carnegie's name and vision. As a Grade 2 listed building, presumably change of use, internal structure, external shell is protected and hence MUST be considered in future plans.

This is a really exciting project - this building has great potential as a community asset. Thank you.

Please improve the library because of its vital role in introducing people to reading and learning, enabling them to be more literate and informed.

Very important that the library continues to have a central place in view of the threat to public library provision nationally, and that other activities are of interest to the whole community.

Presumably options are based on research on wishes and needs of people in the area as well as possibilities for income generation. Especially important that library should be welcoming and accessible to children. Disabled access needs to be better signposted.

Converting the basement would be too expensive and too dark.

The library is such a great resource already but if more resources could be included in the development it will become an invaluable source of information and activities for all ages. This area is in between Herne Hill and Camberwell and does not have a lot going on. The library will become the main hub for this area - so excited!

Capitalise on the thriving local arts community and provide a library specialising in art/craft/photography/fashion books. Ask local artists/designers to run workshops for both children and adults. Become a centre for children's activities - without being a privately run nursery - workshops and extra after school clubs could be run to help out working parents without exclusively being a nursery. An events space for local artists/schools/workshops to exhibit art work - use of cafe for refreshments/bar - so also could be an evening events venue.

It is important that the building is utilised to benefit the local community and maximise income.

Getting involved. Is there anything else you would like to say? Please use the space below:	Comments
	<p>This is a really exciting project - unlocking energy and funding from across the public and private sectors. All the Options bar the private nursery have potential to create a genuine community hub that is rich in content and well used. Let Herne Hill people be the best judge of their mix!</p> <p>This is a gorgeous space on worst bus route in London. Needs footfall and money. Community hub and strong events/ homework club could work.</p> <p>The library opening hours are currently short and in the past erratic. Longer opening hours that are reliable would be good. I would use the building more. It is a great idea to make more use of the Carnegie. We are lacking community space in this area.</p> <p>It is not right that Lambeth would consider using the library for private use e.g. residential or work. It was a legacy to the community and should remain so.</p> <p>I would like to say that this is dereliction of duty on the part of Lambeth Council. I would like to hear Lib Peck's justification for reneging on the building in such a glib fashion. The future of the building is made vulnerable by these choices. The library is a valuable resource in the community as it stands.</p> <p>I wish you success in whatever you decide to do - I am 90 and therefore too old to help.</p> <p>Thank you Next Chapter Team for all your hard work in this - we must push forward with a community hub.</p> <p>Keep it simple, based around a main library use. Don't underestimate how much basement excavation will cost - it's very expensive.</p> <p>Please, no café, no gym, no development next to library - listed and too close - no basement development - waste of money and spoil garden.</p> <p>Other ideas include - life drawing classes and baby massage/yoga classes.</p> <p>Sorry - haven't any bright ideas. Just love the library and very keen to support it.</p> <p>Lambeth want to reduce the cost of running the building. The library service costs are a separate issue. A pottery (ceramics) workshop would be a good use for the basement. Making appeals to all ages. Classes for adults and children. If a kiln could be situated here a firing-only service could be offered.</p> <p>I think libraries are important, as libraries. I am concerned that the exciting rhetoric surrounding these proposals pays lip service to the idea of library, but marginalises library use in the cause of looking for revenue streams and covered by questions about what a library of the future should be (valid question, but one that can veer off into cloud-cuckoo land quite rapidly). I am also concerned that the question of ownership of the library is being discussed. Rent paying tenants will inevitably take over de facto control of the building. Summary conclusion, I am sceptical of options which claim to create revenue streams to support the library without diminishing further/marginalising the core asset.</p> <p>Bee keeping on the roof? Tutoring service. How to reconcile a library and community hub that really serves the whole community and revenue - what will the extra staff needs be? A premises manager? How to design the situation where the library can stay at the heart of the building and the space be multi-purpose.</p> <p>Run regular clubs - monkey music / stage coach/ tumble tots etc.</p> <p>I have lived next to Carnegie Library for 14 years and have been in there only 2 or 3 times as it is a seriously depressing space. I believe it should be converted to a residential space or commercial office space.</p> <p>As in your Q & A, I would really look for more aggressive commercial activities like weddings and film shoots.</p> <p>We have a wonderful chance to make a really 'buzzing' hub out of the library. Please don't let's waste it by bickering. Whilst I do not like the way the project group have handled this I would far rather work with than against them (and this does not mean agreeing to their wishes or telling them what they want to hear!)</p> <p>Mrs Thatcher stole so much of value to communities. It is sad to see a Labour borough outdoing her in sharing borough assets out to any Tom Dick or Harry who sees a quick profit in taking them over like the GLL - if there is money to be made from these buildings Lambeth should organise to make that money and feed it into local services.</p> <p>I have already contacted the Project but was unable to get to the meeting last week.</p> <p>Leave things as they are. Community gets lots of things for nothing and will struggle to replace what these plans will needlessly destroy.</p> <p>This is a beautiful building that deserves to be kept for the local community and could be used in innovative ways. Lovely as the library is I can see it is not really used enough or funded well enough as it stands.</p> <p>Some of the capital costings are odd. E.g. not enough money to fit a café? Capital costings to be done on return/reward after 1 year, but could be longer term??</p>

For me the key is in retaining the library in its central position. I am sure there is enough other space in the building to generate some income. I am open to a café/community rooms/gallery space etc. so long as these do not conflict with retention of the library as the central feature of the building.

Any changes should take into account the presence of 4 flats (south wing) that are part of the building. Noise, increased traffic, construction, etc. would impact the people living here.

This area of Herne Hill has an amazing and diverse art scene, but very little actual exhibition space. I am very willing to set up dedicated gallery that not only allows for local artists, but could become a dedicated gallery space in its own right. I can also offer to run photography workshops and short courses.

We are Ofsted registered child-minders. We have lived in the community for many years and raised our families in the locality. We are very interested in exploring the possibility of running a nursery to serve the community. There would be grants available for Lambeth to help with start up costs. We would like the nursery to provide a loving caring environment, where children would be able to learn and develop in a way which would ensure they met all their early learning goals and be ready for school when the time came.

Can't we keep the library as it is? It works well and is very easy space to come to for books/ reading.

I think privately funded use is good in principle, but it is hard to guess what the space could be used for that would be sufficiently popular to generate income. The site is not obviously suited to café use, and so gym/workshop or rehearsal areas seem more viable. However, I fundamentally question the economics of building a basement space as a mechanism for generating revenue. As an architect well used to digging basements it seems very unlikely to be a good investment and could become an expensive dark, unused addition!

I just think this evaluation system seems a bit weird - I find it confusing. I am university educated and 28! If I were older, dyslexic, foreign etc. I would find it quite impossible to complete. Ranking from 1 to 17 is quite a lot.... Couldn't you have done a simpler 'dislike', 'indifferent', 'like a lot' system for each category?

This is a really exciting project - this building has great potential as a community asset. Thank you.

Please improve the library because of its vital role in introducing people to reading and learning, enabling them to be more literate and informed.

Very important that the library continues to have a central place in view of the threat to public library provision nationally, and that other activities are of interest to the whole community.

Presumably options are based on research on wishes and needs of people in the area as well as possibilities for income generation. Especially important that library should be welcoming and accessible to children. Disabled access needs to be better signposted.

Converting the basement would be too expensive and too dark.

The library is such a great resource already but if more resources could be included in the development it will become an invaluable source of information and activities for all ages. This area is in between Herne Hill and Camberwell and does not have a lot going on. The library will become the main hub for this area - so excited!

Capitalise on the thriving local arts community and provide a library specialising in art/craft/photography/fashion books. Ask local artists/designers to run workshops for both children and adults. Become a centre for children's activities - without being a privately run nursery - workshops and extra after school clubs could be run to help out working parents without exclusively being a nursery. An events space for local artists/schools/workshops to exhibit art work - use of cafe for refreshments/bar - so also could be an evening events venue.

It is important that the building is utilised to benefit the local community and maximise income.

I support the idea of the French nursery / school running there as it is a very vibrant well run local facility which fits in very well with the purpose of the building too.

Thank you so much for doing this. I cannot commit to helping on a regular basis as my work schedule is constantly changing but we really value the library and feel that. So much could be done with this space that would benefit the community.

Really exciting project and I look forward to being involved and helping shape a really wonderful community hub that retains the best of what we all love and makes this even better and more sustainable for the future.

I strongly support the redevelopment of the Carnegie Library along the suggested lines but none of the current proposals quite fits my ideal scenario. I would like to see an option that combines library, cafe and gym/nursery as opposed to just an either/or option. I am not convinced the demand for rentable workspace can generate enough revenue to sustain the building as implied. A sustainable cafe/bar/restaurant along the lines of the Lido cafe in Herne Hill is absolutely essential to the success of the project, in my view. While I am open-minded about the library provision being moved to different rooms, I am also concerned by the prospect of the main hall sitting empty and redundant for large parts of the working week, which I think would undermine the public (and very worthy) goals of the project.

As a local resident with young children I am very supportive of this venture, but with two provisos: (1) Is it really necessary to excavate the basement? All the Options include this, but surely more can be done with the existing space, particularly if the areas currently used as admin and storage space are wholly or partly vacated? (2) I would actively oppose the granting of an alcohol licence on the site, and would be wary of evening use for events which might cause noise either due to loud music or the noise of departing revellers.

In my opinion it is of utmost importance that the library facility is maintained to provide easy access for local people including school children wanting to carry out research or just have somewhere near home to do their homework in a peaceful environment.

There needs to be a consultation on Governance Use of the building until a grant application succeeds.

Now that the main space is being reconfigured I think the library should be given a chance to increase revenue and reduce running costs before any other schemes are implemented. The library is in better shape now than it has been for many years.

I have 2 small children in this local area and whilst there is a lot of clubs etc for children there is never enough and everything is always oversubscribed. The rhyme time you run on a Friday is great but I feel there is always scope for more regular baby / toddler events. This then puts a lot of mums and dads into the Carnegie who may not have ever used it as a library previously. It feels like its a natural pairing and will encourage locals to use the library when they may not have thought about it.

I would like to support l'Ecole Cadet Rousselle as a candidate for the space at the library. This very accomplished school is promoting the area with its presence, as well as teaching children the French language in a most expert way, leading to their abilities for future economic values in the UK. My five year old son attends a Wednesday afternoon French club and has done so in their present location for two years. We, as a family have enjoyed the support of the friendly staff throughout our relationship with the school. I strongly feel that l'Ecole Cadet Rousselle would benefit immensely if relocated to the library, strengthening the community and allowing more people to know this fantastic school, giving them the possibility of their children learning French in a friendly environment.

It has struck me throughout these developments that to make choices without first getting more details on the basement excavation - cost, how much time, how much noise and disruption - is putting the cart before the horse. If this turns out to be unworkable then it invalidates all the Options! I am acutely sensitive to this as my house backs on to the library and I have young children who sleep during the day- so from a purely selfish point of view would value the least disruptive option above all else. That said, we are regular library users and very supportive of efforts to put it on a sustainable footing for the future. But it does seem making choices that are all dependant on an unknown.

Carnegie Library could be a centre for the community where all local people should be able to find something to do ... reading, playing with their children, meet neighbours for a coffee. I attend story and rhyme time with my boy and it seems to be the busiest place then ... as there are so many mums and children nearby this should be a place for children.

As the Options exercise which has just been conducted did not include any costings, it is difficult to assess whether any of them are viable. From my experience of managing a local authority service, I believe that the overall cost of maintaining the building plus running a community organisation (assuming that Lambeth will continue to fund the staff for the Library Service) is too high for any Community Organisation which is trying to generate sufficient income. Given this, I believe that the only way forward for this Building to have a future other than development by a private housing developer, is for Lambeth to hold on to it and fully fund it as a central plank of the service. This means expanding it's current remit as a library. Unfortunately in the current financial environment, where increasing funding is not an option, this means that another part of the Library Service would have to be cut in order to generate the necessary funds.

I think that a nursery would keep the community knitted together for years to come and bring many new faces into the library which would benefit from having new and keen young readers.

I'd like to see the basement used as a nursery as it would keep a flow of young people into the library and keep the spirit of community.

We need good value childcare in Herne Hill.

My son attends a preschool nearby and they need a new location. Perhaps this would be a good home for L'Ecole Cadet Rousselle?

Please consider hiring your premises to L'ecole Cadet Rousselle nursery. They are a lovely, nurturing school that needs a home. My daughter attends there, and has really blossomed, they have given her the opportunity to learn French and have made many bilingual families very happy to have found a French school for their children. L'ecole Cadet Rousselle is the only school in the area which offers French and we would love for them to find a decent home, and what a home it would be if their address was the Carnegie Library! We hope you give them that opportunity to grow, and we promise you that you will love their ethos and them as people as we! Many thanks for your time.

I am already signed up to get information on the project and am a member of the Friends as well.

It may be possible to attract funding through the John Ruskin connection. Besides the local link, Andrew Carnegie was influenced by Ruskin, particularly in relation to philanthropy and legacy. And Ruskin still has wealthy American admirers who might be interested in supporting a project which honoured his memory and furthered his ideals.

With libraries closing all around and councils seeing them as a burden not an asset, I strongly believe that activities that reflect the original purpose of the Carnegie Library should continue, should be given space and should not be charged for using that space. I volunteer as a tutor at Ruskin Readers. I am not paid and my students do not pay for the class. Quite frankly it is ridiculous that you are putting in jeopardy the future of these adult literacy classes - classes which will open up the world of books to the students and they in turn will borrow books from the library.

I live on Herne Hill Road and would like to respond to the proposal for Carnegie Library. Having looked at the proposed options for the building my family would be most served by options 3a or 3b. I think a cafe on the ground floor is a nice idea and probably more likely to pull in customers than if it were in the basement. The cafe in Dulwich Park is a very good model to go with. It sells a quality range of food and drinks and I would like the private spaces to be hired out for different child-related activities and exercise classes. It would be great if there was some sort of morning session on a Saturday for toddlers and small children. A "messy monsters" style activity or a music and play session. This would be even better with the cafe, where families could meet after the morning session and give their children lunch with friends in the area. The Friday morning story time session is wonderful but my husband and I work full time so it would be great if there was an activity we could take our two year old son along to on a Saturday morning, where he'd meet local children. In terms of exercise activities, I would like to see a private space hired out on a Monday or Tuesday evening, say 7pm, for a zumba class. It's a fun activity and I think it would suit the women, largely in their 30s and 40s, in the area. I know several ladies in the area who would be keen to join a class like this. I look forward to hearing more about the development.

Post-it notes attached to Options on Exhibition boards

Option 1. Library as is.

If the building is gifted, then the community hub goes down, whose responsibility will the building/library services go to? No-one, don't fix what isn't broken.

Central Hall is a lovely space for the library; would be great shame to move it. Café is a great idea, nothing else close by - could be in basement with garden access (& near toilets).

The building was gifted to the people as a library - the primary purpose as stipulated by Carnegie with understanding that the local government authority looked after the service and the building.

I realise we have to adapt to survive, but am very unsure about how any of this could work.

Keeping the library in the main hall is the most important thing.

"It is the service, not the floor space that matters." I find this an appallingly misguided and presumptuous statement, which is misleading and manipulative. The space is the service, as much as the books. It is a tranquil, welcoming space to work and to read. I travel here from Brixton because the library there is so noisy and overcrowded. The space, the high ceilings and light are what make this library special.

Library, library, library - books, books, books please. Some sections are very thin. Others have tables and chairs in front of the book cases!

These options are misleading - Are these the only ones????

It is essential that the library is the main focus of this building. Existing library space is ideal and serves the community well. It should be retained no matter what changes happen in rest of the building.

Keeping the library as it is but make parking spaces for bikes/scooters.

I think the library should stay where it is, it would be a great loss to the community to reduce the service, option 1 please keep it as it is.

I think it would be difficult to sub-divide central hall for different activities e.g. keep fit - noisy for others. Better in a separate room. Couldn't yoga etc be in the centre of central hall at night?

This is the place where public library users were, for the first time, given direct access to bookshelves. To lose it as library space would be a pity. I hope that, with flexibility as the guiding principle, a way can be found round the issues identified by the Project Group. For example, if Lambeth can share the central space with the Trust, wouldn't it be only reasonable to charge them reduced rent? Here's another option to think about: (1) Library shares central space with Trust. (2) Library and Trust also share Librarian's room (3) Trust runs gallery in same room as now. (4) Room to right of front door is added to "rentable", Shared space attracts reduced rent. Might this provide a way to get "best of both"?

Option 1 is my preference. I welcome the idea of bringing other activities - nursery, café, venue for hire - to this beautiful building, but feel the main library space should be retained as a library, as originally intended. Whatever happens, keeping the building for public/community use is imperative.

Option 1, as it is the only option maintaining the central space as a library.

Books help keep this big space quiet - the room would echo without books and be an unpleasant space to be in.

Option 3b, or leave library as it is in Option 1. Focus on using basement to generate income.

Option 1 seems the only viable option if we want the spirit of the library to remain.

Libraries are so important to remain as libraries - there are so few free public spaces - and also help to develop community spirit.

My own thoughts are: (1) Keep library "as is" (2) If we have a cafe, make it a kiosk (possibly moveable) (3) Consider a film club in the basement (you don't need as much natural light) and consider using basement for rentable storage. (4) If workable/rentable spaces are created, consider use of demountable partitions so as to ensure maximum flexibility.

A registry office? When the film Love Actually was filmed locally the wedding/bridal photos were taken at Carnegie Library. We have a very attractive hall & frontage. Has to be better use than the present one.

Why not get KCH to rent some of the available space - for use as lecture rooms etc? They are always trying to accommodate their needs for student and study purposes. They may even have some better ideas & use for affordable space.

Maintaining the space with the main use as a library is the best and most viable option. Libraries are very important/essential and compromises should never be made.

MUST keep library as it is - well used for all sorts of community activities already. Current financial plans - NOT displayed here - would price the library out!

I agree with the Project Group that the Carnegie's future must be sustainable. But losing this central room for the library would be a big shame in my view. So how about "option 1.5"? It goes like this: (1) Library shares centre room and Librarian's office with Trust, for reduced rent. (2) Library retains Children's Library. (3) Trust looks after Gallery. (4) Front room to right of front door is available for rent. As far as I can see, this would leave Lambeth paying about the same as options 2 and 3 and would give the Trust a healthy surplus. It would allow more flexible use of space than any of the options in the report. It would depend on Trust and library working in partnership - but so would any option if it's really going to work for the community, in my view. The practical issues listed can all be resolved if we choose to. What do you think?

LAST DAY TO SAY NO.

Brilliant - could we have hireable workshops where the garages are?

Congratulations to the Next Chapter Team for putting together this exciting project.

Trouble with [the option 1.5] idea is that a Trust would work against the library, not with it, much less for it.

In what way? I don't understand what you mean.

Well done, Next Chapter Team for all your hard work, trying to safeguard the future.

This arrangement (central area as library, with door to garden) serves a community who love it the way it is!!! Who are this "Project Group" anyhow? How do we all join and participate in decisions?

Option 2a. Nursery in basement.

Nursery needs private secure space, which does not look compatible with the needs of a community hub for all members of the community.

Café counter on the ground floor is a good idea. And for the basement, instead of a nursery, how about self-storage?

This would cost thousands and thousands! Libraries are a bit short of cash at the moment. Perfectly good leaving the library main stock where it is.

Nursery option is a stupid idea. Building is not suited to such an idea. Locking off part of the building wouldn't make sense.

Put Library in basement so as to separate it from other community activities (and make for more peaceful environment). Basement dug out and rear wall replaced with glass.

Lecture theatre/cinema room on ground floor, front right. Rest of ground floor in different size rooms for multi use

There are plenty of nurseries in the area. The library should remain primarily as a library as it was intended to be.

This Option would surely mean a serious reduction in the 'community use' of the building, as the public cannot be allowed to mix with (or even see?) children in a nursery.

What about our Garden?

The current library space is a 'flexible and informal space' which can be used by community groups. But without the bookshelves to mark off areas it will be less flexible and look rather bleak.

(a) Parking in Ferndene Road is residents only - where will nursery parents park? (b) Is there enough 'fresh air' in the basement for a nursery? © Will toilets still be available to library users?

Very bad idea. Too many nurseries already PLUS RESTRICTS OTHER USES.

Not a suitable location for a nursery. Also how would the mix of quiet (library) work with noise (developing children)?

NOT GOOD!

Maybe only a small café area, affordable and not too fancy as it could get noisy and affect the actual library users - readers and learners. This should be a place of education.

We have been told by the architects that a gym or nursery are not possible - so much spent on things not possible!

This is a good idea. Provides steady income for the Trust. Garden would be available at weekends?

How would this work financially?

This is not a good idea - a nursery stuck in the basement can't be pleasant.

Affordable childcare for the community is much needed. Loving, caring educational environment.

Non profit running nursery to serve the community.

I would love to see this happen if it secures the future of the building.

It won't!

I object to this proposal (option 2a) as private nurseries are in abundance in Herne Hill and Dulwich. Those who can afford a private nursery can access those which are at a distance from Herne Hill Road. Better to use the library and its spaces for the benefit of those who require access to free or low-cost activities. Income generation can come from cafe and rentable work spaces.

Option 2b. Gym in basement.

This is awful !!!

To separate activities you need to put the library in the basement, and open the ground floor to other community use.

Gym is a good idea but would need to ensure community use of facilities for young and old at subsidised rates.

I think this central hall is a hub of this historic space and public access should be prioritised. The key word is 'versatile', not a theatre but versatile with many options of use. Like a good theatre can be.

This presents an opportunity to re-invent and re-consider the role of a library in 21st century!! What has a gym got to do with this?? Seems mercenary - not thoughtful.

Not a good idea - plenty of sports round here already.

The Lido and gym in Brockwell Park already provided an excellent service, ten minutes walk away!

Expensive project. Already gyms in the area: the Lido, JAGS.

How would this work financially?

I would love to see this happen if it secures the future of the building.

How?

Option 2c. Residential in north wing / café in basement.

The most important aspect of this is the café. There is nothing similar within 10 minutes' walk of here. It would make a big difference to the sense of the community, which to me feels on the edges of other communities - Loughborough Junction, Herne Hill, Dulwich, Camberwell.

Café is a good idea if located appropriately.

There are questions to be asked about the existing flats and their garages. Would the flats be an asset to the Trust - or a liability? How much income do the garages generate at the moment and is it at market rates?

The library service - our service - would have to pay for being in the building gifted to the people to be a library - a free library!

Hiving off any part of this public building for private flats is an ABOMINABLE idea.

Area would not support a café except at weekends. Not a viable business prospect.

Not a good idea - keep the building for the community.

Too many gorgeous heritage-rich buildings have been converted from public use space to private accommodation for upper income people. Why is this a positive and relevant solution?? This Option is economist-led, not cultural or community.

The children's room should be re-located to be closer to the loos the space used for a quiet room for study, open in the evenings. Links to secondary schools could tell youngsters that they can do their homework there which a librarian could help them to find the resources they need. Department of education to contribute

How would this work financially?

Central Hall could be a community or event space run by the library. Why change? How much will all these adaptations cost?

Strongly object to the building being used for residential purposes.

Object strongly to private flats. Wholly unnecessary; decimates local community. Based purely on financial gain. NO!

I would love to see this happen if it secures the future of the building.

It won't!

Don't like residential option - it closes the building down, excludes the local community.

Option 3a. Workspaces in basement / Café on ground floor.

Café on same floor as library is likely to be noisy and intrusive. Some public space for quiet reflection is a civic asset.

Activities in the main central hall are likely to be noisy and intrusive on the quiet of the library. I can't see how it could possibly work if both are in use at the same time.

Instead of locating the Trust office in the basement, how about locating it in the current Librarian's room on the ground floor and sharing it with the library? It looks big enough and Trust and Library need to be hand-in-glove if this is going to work.

Like idea of café but don't understand how ground floor can accommodate café (or be rented out) along with community rooms and library??

I do not agree with loss of gallery space. The gallery is a great part of the library.

This is the best option for café/bar. But "flexible" activity rooms wouldn't work together with library on ground floor.

I would love to see this happen if it secures the future of the building.

Option 3b. Workspaces in north wing / Café in basement.

A café in this area of H.H - would be popular. Well I'd use it anyway!

I would like to retain the Gallery and the Children's Library and cannot see how the rest of the library could fit into the remaining space. The children's library is currently a wonderful asset - it would be such a shame to lose it. I do not think a cafe/bar in the basement is a good idea. A bar could mean evening use in this residential area and even the cafe would surely only be used by local residents - no parking because of CPZ over lunchtime. Local residents only would be unlikely to make it profitable.

How would café/bar in garden manage in winter? More to the point, how would customers manage, bearing in mind older people, those with health issues?

Option 3a in my opinion is the best option. A bar/café could be used in the day by parents or students, and in the evening have jazz nights, themed evenings, a place to chill and eat for grown ups. It would make the place quite cool. There is not much competition in the area. In the day it could be a hub to train people with special needs.

This Option compromises gallery space.

I would love to see a café and children's library in the basement, with a big disabled toilet with baby change next to the children's library. Then noisy kids wouldn't annoy other library users, and little ones could get to the loo easily. I think the café would be full of parents with little kids, especially at tea time if these was a healthy, reasonably priced kids menu from 4 to 6pm.

This is the best Option but the central hall or Trust **must** make provision for quiet space for young people to do homework/revision.

(1) If it is possible to open the basement to the garden at the back then it would make a lot of sense to put the café in the basement, opening to the garden. Upstairs central hall as 'flexible' space - gallery, performance, meeting. Library to the front. With lettable community space in the north wing. (2) If it is not possible to open the basement to the garden, then café should be on main ground level as Option 3a, but with better access and connection provided to the garden [diagram included, with comments]

Thorlands Estate survey

What activities would you like to see at Carnegie?

Activities for pre-school children with their parents/carers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler groups & activities. Nursery-type activities Stay and play Arts & crafts Reading stories, rhymes, games Reading Interacting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and music. Brownies /guides /cubs /scouts Youth one-to-one work, homework, fun activities. Homework Chess club Street dance Girl guides, reading groups Table football, Table tennis. We like to go swimming but never does.
Activities for adults of any age:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise classes. Cooking. Language classes. Foreign languages for English speakers. Yoga club Brush up on dressmaking/sewing skills, then could be helper at a sewing class. Workshops (budgeting)/help to get into work Cake decorating Art lessons Zumba
Adult education classes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT training. Numeracy & literacy and other basic skills. Language classes most of all. Also, literacy/ESOL classes. Maybe run a TEFL course? IT skills English, maths, science More computer skills Maths and English Computer/internet training Understand English
Café/social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If viable. Maybe - but who is staffing it?
Performing activities - dance, music, stage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the building large enough? Music - drums

Acting classes, art classes, music lessons

Female-only activities:	Not religious themed. Hair & makeup/spa days Knitting group Support groups
Male-only activities	Not religious themed. Support groups
Other ideas?	A hall for wedding and Christmas receptions Karaoke Food bank Workshops for crafts like knitting Bingo I would like art classes Little mini indoor market Children facilities, youth clubs, football club I have a lot on at the moment. Have started work and doing evening classes but think this project is amazing and would like to get involved once my schedule has calmed down. Please do keep in touch and I will get involved when I can. Workshops how to use sewing machines and how to bake and knit, homemade natural body care products. Day time café, activities for older people. The Carnegie is a lovely building but it is very much out of the way - out of my way. I live in Loughborough Estate so Brixton or Minet Libraries are much more conveniently located for me.

What are the three main things that concern you about where you live?	Not enough (physical) outdoor things for boys
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At what times would you be likely to use the Carnegie building?	I believe a need exists for the Library to be open AM, PM and evenings to benefit a wider public. Out of traditional work hours. After school. Winter time I stay indoors.
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Any other comments?	I am the chair of Thorlands Tenant Management Organisation (Thorlands Estate) and we are looking to set up a learning hub here, which might be done in conjunction with Carnegie Friends Group. I also chair Herne Hill Safer Neighbourhood Panel and we seek to use Carnegie for quarterly public meetings.
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It was a gift to the people of Camberwell and should remain so.

Survey of local schools and Lilford Estate

What would be the most important uses of the Carnegie building for you?

Comments

A library for all: main library, children's library, teen zone, computer access, reading & wildlife garden.

Very important for the community!
Should always be primary use of the building.
Access to a local children's library is essential.
Encourage the reading habit from an early age.
Teen zone - what is this?

Computer literacy is a human necessity.

Useful for anyone without internet access or only limited availability.
Reading and wildlife garden - my daughter would love this.

A cultural hub: gallery ; cinema club ; literary & artistic activities ; performance space ; talks, debates & local interest group mtgs

Community / work / learning

community meeting rooms and facilities

Useful, especially with loss of St John's.

educational clubs and activities - e.g. homework; adult literacy classes; U3A; language classes; careers advice

A natural fit with the primary use of the building.

community clubs - e.g. chess, minecraft, gardening, arts & crafts

Should be used to encourage take up across all age groups.

health & fitness classes and talks

No other local spaces available?

more activities for young people

Café / bar / meeting place

daytime café
evening café/bar

A space to chat/eat/drink may encourage greater use.
Other local alternatives available?

Other concerns or comments?

General lack of community spirit. There seem to be projects running but the take up is low.

Would like to see more opportunities for young males 16 plus to do in the area. Instead of roaming the streets getting up to no good! Thanks.

(1) Too many projects are here today, gone tomorrow. What we need is some permanence. (2) What would be really good would be help/training in fundraising. I would support any group that helps us on the ground to know about the rules for fundraising

Perhaps also useful to consider inviting advice agencies to provide on-going/one-off sessions in a space in the library (e.g. centre 70, CAB, Lambeth Law Centre, etc.). Has an assessment been done re: what other resources are locally available? (Should try to avoid duplication/unnecessary competition and aim to meet any gaps in service provision.)