

# BUILDING A BETTER NOTTINGHAM

“Have  
Your  
Say...”



## A NEW Central Library for Nottingham?

Have your say in the public consultation  
14 August to 16 September 2018



Nottingham  
City Council

# A new Central Library for Nottingham? We want your views

Nottingham City Council wants to provide a modern, state-of-the-art Central Library for the people of Nottingham. Nottingham is a UNESCO City of Literature, with a rich literary heritage. Children's literacy is a priority for Nottingham. We want to give every Nottingham child the best start in life. Books, learning, imagination and ideas are central to this vision. As part of a new Central Library we want to build Britain's best children's library.

## How can we achieve this vision?

The existing Central Library, on Angel Row, is looking tired and the building structure restricts how the space can be used. Upgrading this building would be a multi-million pound project. Birmingham recently spent £188million on their Central Library and Manchester spent £48million. We simply cannot commit to this level of spending at a time when the City Council needs to make savings.

## An exciting possibility...

We have an exciting opportunity to create a new Central Library as part of the Broadmarsh Area transformation of the city centre. The £250million revamp of the Broadmarsh Area is well underway. The car park has been demolished to make way for shops, cafés, a modern car park and bus station. We are now in the unique position of having a key site, in an area undergoing complete transformation, which would lend itself perfectly to the creation of a new, purpose-built Central Library fit for future generations.

A new Central Library at Broadmarsh would be an attractive and inspiring space, full of stories, ideas and activities to help children learn. Facing onto a pedestrianised Collin Street and Carrington Street, the new library would be at the heart of the revitalised Broadmarsh - flanked to the east by the new City College, and to the west by the world class heritage destination of Nottingham Castle.

A new Central Library would have everything you would expect – quiet spaces for meeting and studying, IT equipment, free internet access, local studies and archives – and of course a key part of the library would be for children. The new Central Library would create a destination for parents to bring their children and enjoy time exploring a world of stories, ideas and activities. If we sell and redevelop the Angel Row site, then we can achieve all of this for an estimated one-off net cost of around £3million.

## We want your views

No decision has yet been taken about whether or not to go ahead and create a new Central Library. The Council is carrying out a public consultation to explore this exciting possibility. This is your chance to have your say. Tell us if you think we should grasp this opportunity to create a new Central Library for Nottingham.



**Cllr Trimble**, Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Localities  
Nottingham City Council

# How to take part in the public consultation

**There are many ways to take part in this public consultation:**

- Complete the survey questions in this booklet and return them to any Nottingham library
- Complete the survey online at [www.betterbroadmarsh.com](http://www.betterbroadmarsh.com)
- Email us your thoughts at [central.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:central.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

The consultation will close at 11pm on Sunday 16 September 2018 so please return all consultation responses before this time.

## Stay up to date with the latest news

For more information, or to sign up for e-newsletter updates, please go to [www.betterbroadmarsh.com](http://www.betterbroadmarsh.com)

# Tell us your views

## Have your say on the proposals for a new Central Library.

1. Should Nottingham City Council take the opportunity, while redeveloping the Broadmarsh Area, to create a new Central Library for Nottingham?

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2. If a new Central Library is created at Broadmarsh, what would you want it to be like? Tell us your ideas:

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3. Do you think there are benefits to creating a new Central Library?

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4. What do you think would be crucial to help make a new Central Library successful?

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# Tell us about you

To make sure the needs of all library customers are taken into account, we would like to understand a bit about you and how you currently use the Central Library.

## 1. Have you visited the Central Library in Nottingham over the last 12 months?

If 'Yes' go to Question 2. If 'No' please skip ahead to Question 5.

## 2. How often do you visit the Central Library?

**Tick one only**

- Every day
- Once or twice a week
- Once or twice a month
- A few times a year
- I have only visited it once

## 3. How do you usually travel to the Central Library? Tick all that apply

- On foot
- Bike
- Bus
- Tram
- Car
- Other, please specify below

## 4. What are your reasons for visiting the Central Library? Help us to understand your needs and tell us about the library services you value.

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## 5. If you have not visited the Central Library in the past 12 months, please can you tell us your reasons for this?

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## Equalities

Equalities monitoring enables Nottingham City Council to check that everyone in the city is accessing the services to which they are entitled. All questions are voluntary.

Please tick the statement that best describes you:  
I am:

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Please tick the statement that best describes you:  
I am:

- Under 16
- 16-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

Please tick the statement that best describes you:

- I consider myself to be disabled
- I consider myself not to be disabled
- Prefer not to say

Please tick the statement that best describes you:  
I am:

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Chinese
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic group, please specify

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# What could a new Central Library look like inside?

If a new Central Library is created as part of the Broadmarsh Area transformation, it could be a lighter, brighter and more attractive space to welcome library customers and meet their dreams and ambitions for a 21st century library. Nottingham could look to other cities across the UK, Europe and the world for inspiration. To the right are examples of recent library developments in Birmingham, Manchester and Helsinki.

Why not use your consultation response to tell us about your favourite libraries from near or far away?

## How would you design your dream library?

What would you want a new Central Library to be like? We want to know your views. Simply fill in the survey questions in this booklet to share your ideas with us. Here's some inspiration and ideas from other Nottingham people...

Birmingham Central Library

Image credit: Birmingham City Council



Manchester Central Library

Image credit: Mather & Co



Helsinki Oodi Library

Image credit: ALA Architects



Emily Landsborough

National Literacy Trust Hub  
in Nottingham

I would love to see Nottingham create Britain's best library for children of all ages. It would be great to have an interactive space to excite young minds... and of course lots of beautiful children's books and a cosy area where families can spend time reading together.

*"Cosy areas to read together"*



Brentwood Children's Library



Sandeep Mahal

Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature

As an inspirational UNESCO City of Literature, Nottingham has a really rich cultural heritage. It is therefore important to have a world class space of international significance where people of all ages can participate in learning opportunities, performances and a range of other activities such as book clubs and author events. It's also important to have a better, brighter, more attractive and welcoming space which reflects the needs and aspirations of library customers in the 21st century. The development of a new Central Library will give everyone the chance to be involved with one of the city's cultural icons.

*"Interactive spaces to excite young minds"*



John Yarham

Futures

Libraries play a really important role in helping people to find employment and training. I'd like to see any future library have great IT equipment, free internet access and quiet places to study or meet up with colleagues.

*"IT equipment free internet access and quiet places to study or meet"*



Sharon Wood

Parent from Clifton, Nottingham

It would be lovely to have a space for story-telling, a comic books section and things like puppets to help kids play and use their imaginations.

*"A space for story-telling groups and toys to help kids use their imagination"*



Cllr Eunice Campbell

Age Friendly Nottingham

I know libraries can provide a peaceful sanctuary. I'd like to see quieter spaces to take a seat, read the newspapers and meet with friends. I also think libraries have an important role in preserving our heritage, local history and archives.

*"Quieter spaces to take a seat"*

*"Local history and archives"*

