

Tyldesley Library

Consultation Feedback September 2022

Thank you to all residents who completed this recent survey and providing valuable feedback. A summary of the consultation results is detailed below.

Background to the consultation:

Two of the council's assets in Tyldesley Town Centre are prominent buildings that are no longer fit for purpose and currently do not meet the changing needs of the local community or the council's vision for the town centre's high streets. This is because the community require accessible buildings which can facilitate multi-use areas. In line with the accommodation strategy and our overall approach to our assets the council is looking to maximise the utilisation of its buildings. In this case the use of one building only, would ensure efficiencies are made, the correct building is invested in to make it fit for purpose for the community offering a bright, modern, friendly environment.

Tyldesley Library is a 2-storey high building. The building is in poor condition, and the future of this building has been in the balance for some time. The boilers have been condemned and are no longer working in the library. This area is now serviced by electric wall heaters as a temporary fix. The first floor is inaccessible and has suffered from wet and dry rot and has not been used for several years. The main entrance of the building is not compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and some members of the public are forced to enter the building at the rear via a ramp. In addition, the current welfare facilities are not Equality Act compliant.

The two prominent buildings, Tyldesley Town Hall and Tyldesley library, are in close proximity to each other. Tyldesley Town Hall on the main high street (Elliot Street), is situated on a bus route with a bus stop directly outside and has been identified as a suitable alternative venue in which to relocate the library to. This is due to several reasons, firstly it is fully accessible to all in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and is in a better overall condition in its current state and it also forms part of the Tyldesley High Street action zone plan, for which the Town Hall refurbishment has been used as match funding. The extensive repair and refurbishment work required to make the library building fit for purpose, would be extremely costly to rectify.

The proposal would see the Town Hall building becoming a bright, modern and inviting space for the local community to benefit from. The spaces would be flexible to maximise productivity of uses within the building. Experience has been captured from the successful offer which is currently being delivered in Atherton Town Hall which serves as a multi-function hub. It's envisaged that Tyldesley Town Hall will have office accommodation on the 2nd floor for front line workers who are aligned to the Service Delivery Footprint, large community rooms, and any groups that currently deliver sessions from Tyldesley Library will be prioritised first to be accommodated in the Town Hall. The ground floor space would be occupied by the adult library and a separate children's library. Original features would be retained, such as the stained-glass windows and decorative cornices in the main entrance, with the refurbishment providing a modern and bright environment making the hub an attractive and pleasant place to visit.

The works to the Town Hall will include roof works, energy saving initiatives such as a new efficient boiler and heating system, LED lighting, secondary glazing and an insulation

upgrade. A new internal lift will also be fitted in line with current regulations. The building is within a conservation area, which any works would comply with, retaining any historical decorative features. The new hub in Atherton Town Hall has been a great success and has seen an increase in the number of events and activities being delivered from the site which is fantastic for the community.

A public consultation period ran from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022, with online and paper surveys and face to face sessions, to provide residents with an opportunity to view plans for the building and provide feedback on the proposals and what services they would like to see available.

The three key parts to the proposals:

Part 1:

Relocation of the library into the refurbished Tyldesley Town Hall with the rationale detailed in the section above

Part 2:

Using buildings more effectively, making the best use of space and identifying opportunities to link up with key partners

Part 3:

Increasing membership, participation and volunteer engagement in the library service.

Responses and feedback

During the three-month consultation, the survey generated 260 responses. Highlights from the responses are summarised below:

- Library members accounted for 79% of the survey responses, with the highest number of residents living in Tyldesley. 67% were female and 43% of respondents were aged over 55. 24% of residents declared a health condition or disability affecting their day-to-day activities. 94% declared their ethnicity as white British.
- The main reason indicated that residents currently visit the library is to borrow and return books.
- Some of the events and activities listed, that residents would like to be able to access at Tyldesley library, included author and local history talks, craft activities, healthy lifestyle activities and social clubs/support groups.
- Feedback suggested representation of health, leisure and partner advice services would be welcomed in the library.
- 32 residents expressed an interest in volunteering at Tyldesley library.

When asked to what extent did residents agree or disagree with the proposals, the following responses were provided:

Pr	oposal	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
		%	%	%	%	%
1.	Relocation of the library into the refurbished Tyldesley Town Hall	13	14	5	16	52
2.	Using buildings more effectively, making the best use of space and identifying opportunities to link up with key partners	24	29	19	9	19
3.	Increasing membership, participation and volunteer engagement in the library service	33	40	13	4	11

Overall, the majority of residents responding, disagree with part 1 of the proposal to relocate the library into the Town Hall building.

Additional feedback details the following as reasons that residents disagree with the proposal:

- The current library building is a Carnegie library with a restrictive covenant in place
- Concerns over the future of the current library building and the cultural importance and historical relevance for the town
- The location of the current library being more central to the town and other amenities
- Parking facilities at the current site are considered to be more convenient and accessible for visitors
- Concern for pedestrians and the busy road at the entrance to the Town Hall site
- Request for current costings of the refurbishment costs for both sites, to understand and compare what is financially viable.

There has been a strong, vocal response to the proposal from local residents and the Friends of Tyldesley Library group, with representative attendance at the face-to-face consultation sessions, social media activity, a large banner in protest to the move and local meetings and campaigns for a petition. The petition with 1530 signatures, objecting to a move to the Town Hall building has been submitted to Democratic Services.

With regards to proposals 2 and 3, a high percentage either agree or strongly agree and though some disagreed with options 2 and 3, this was fewer than the positive and no opinion responses combined. This is a positive indication that there is potential to increase and enhance community engagement through the library service.

A complete summary of consultation responses is provided below:

1. Are you a library member?

Yes - 203

No - 42

2. Where do you live?

Tyldesley - 179

Shackerley - 14

Hindsford - 9

Mosley Common - 7

Atherton - 9

Other - 34

3. Which of the following services do you currently visit Tyldesley library for?

Borrow/return books - 196

Attend a course (e.g. Computer) - 25

Use the computers - 65 Meet with friends - 55 Study or to work - 41

To read - 69

Research (e.g. family history) - 60

For leisure - 58

Look for work/job applications - 19

Attend Children's events - 50 Attend Adults events - 55

Other - 20

4. Are there any of the following events and activities that you would like to be able to access at Tyldesley library?

Art classes - 74

Exhibiting artwork - 59

Craft activities - 108

Music and singing - 63

Film and photography - 74

Creative writing - 58

Author talks - 102

Local history talks - 127

Social clubs/support groups - 88

Dance - 30

Healthy lifestyle activities - 88

Other - 17

5. Please use the space below to tell us about anything else that you think would improve your library experience – 84 responses

ID Responses

- 1 Unfortunately the hours proposed would mean I would no longer be able to access the library maybe having a day when the library is open till 6 pm for working parents would be of massive benefit
- **2** Dedicated computer to access online applications ie- blue badge applications / sure start events and information sharing

- Have better opening times, we borrowed books last Summer as part of the Summer reading challenge and then it's been shut ever since. How can working parents take their kids to the library if it doesn't open on a Saturday?
- 4 More activities going on
- **5** To stay where it is?
- It is a focal hub of the community, there could be a bit more interaction with the youth sector.
- **7** Being local and easy to access is important to me. The service inside including photo copier are good.
- In the proposed new community rooms on the first floor, please would you fit each room with a sink and taps? This makes it so much easier to run art groups, crafting groups that might get messy, and childrens groups. It is much more difficult without running water as you have to carry containers of water and an empty one for 'waste water' as you cannot leave a group unattended to change water or tip things down a sink.
- **9** Extend opening hours as more suitable for members to use the library
- It being open. I am just about to retire and would love to use this on a daily basis to meet people and educate myself with all the book especially history
- 11 Customer contact point for all council services
- **12** More opening hours
- Flexible spaces I love books but libraries need to evolve to survive so all of the above activities would be great alongside the books
- **14** Building being accessible
- 15 Better facilities for groups, better toilet facilities, access to refreshments e.g.a kitchen area
- **16** Easy access for all .
- Open on a Saturday- current opening hours exclude the majority of working people plus working parents can't take school age children. I'm a council employee and the new opening hours now exclude me and my child as I'm busy working for the council during opening hours
- 18 Cafe
- A place to have a pot of tea and a light lunch whilst perusing the books. Opportunity to take books to people in the area who find it difficult to get out but like reading. Opportunity to play bridge.
- 20 An updated space not run down
- 21 Not moving the Library into the town hall permanently
- 22 More paid staff with the time and resources to ensure the library is run properly
- 23 Cafe facilities and hot desk area for local home/ hybrid workers
- For the library to be kept in its rightful place in the town centre. Where it is easily accessible on a safe side street, close to the main high street shops, with a bus stop, parking directly outside on a large carpark opposite.
- **25** Longer opening hours
- **26** Leave the library as is.
- No, it's great as it is, in the proper building!
- 28 Children's story and rhythm sessions
- 29 More books.
- **30** Warm and friendly environment.
- 31 Activities for children and school children
- I ran a scrabble group in Tyldesley library and raised over £1500 for FOTL. Unfortunately failing eyesight meant i was unable to continue. My daughter uses the library.
- The existing library building should be retained and invested in to preserve it for future generation... it forms a key feature of the town centre and is prominent in terms of its location and architecture
- **34** Evening sessions for those that work
- **35** More youth facilities

36 Able to again reserve books online and have access to new books 37 As listed above various classes Longer and consistent opening times 38 39 The library would be much better housed in its current building in Stanley street. The building was gifted to the people of Tyldesley as a library and it should be restored to be used as such. A little cafe 40 41 It would be more convenient if it was the Carnegie library as I live in the west of Tyldesley and don't have a car. A friend of mine used to use the rear of this library and was happy with doing so. She was never forced as this consultation implies. The reason the Carnegie library is in such a state of disrepair is because you neglected to maintain it. The former Town Hall is also in a state of disrepair because again you have neglected it for so long. It was embarrassing to walk past. A local family with their children recently with cleaning apparatus and gardening equipment to clean up the front of the building. 42 Visiting the Library in Stanley Street To be honest I haven't used the library since well before lockdown however I am a keen 43 amateur photographer and would be interested in any workshops/ groups of this nature. Activities for children in school holidays, well publicised. I'm not currently aware of the 44 activities. 45 Altht use the library i feel very passionate about it being kept as a library for those who do. Also it is a beautiful historic building. 46 More kids sessions for many different ages rather then just toddlers, also some language courses for adults 47 More books - it's a library. Atherton library used to be great with wide selection of books, now it's hopeless. Hi. Nice good clean Rooms at very top back of building new clear windows for views over 48 back Perhaps a nice quite Reading/Study. Work Area with a water cooler or summat 49 Refurbish and open up the second floor 50 Retaining the service in the original Tyldesley Library building, a Carnegie Library which we are very proud to still have in the town. 51 Did not know Tyldesley library had moved until 24th June, was it publicised? I don't do facebook, don't want to. **52** Friendly and welcoming staff and a welcoming environment. 53 I would like to have more disabled access/activities etc provided 54 Information leaflets that we can give our parents about the library serviced 55 Longer opening hours Having a library that has easy access 56 I'd be interested in helping out if there were a music/film event. 57 58 Nothing would improve my experiences - volunteering takes away jobs 59 Ease of access. The library has remained a massive part of my life from childhood to later years. It would be so sad to see this building and service that it provides be relocated. Funding from other scourges is being spent to improve the look of Tyldesley at own Centre yet this beautiful building is under threat !... The computer suite and printers need a upgrade and a inhouse IT trained staff member to 60 help people navigate the internet and office software. 61 62 Keeping the library in Stanley St would continue us easy safe access. Keeping the library in its current location 63 More events on Facebook, it needs promoting. Also Saturday opening 64 65 Extended opening 66 The library is in a far more central location than the town, its position near the town square giving the town identity - and is a grander building. Yes, book borrowing from libraries has fallen, but there are many community- based activities that could be based there.

Thousands of houses are being built in Tyldesley and it is important that local amenities remain. With climate change and the need to cut carbon emissions, towns need to provide services to prevent people having to travel distances. The library has always been a well-loved building in the town used by generations of people. To close it would be a short-sighted, inconsiderate act by Wigan Council, to the people of a much deprived area of the borough.

- 67 Increased opening hours including opening on a Saturday
- **68** Better operating hours, I work full time.
- **69** Small museum to display artefacts and info concerning Tyldesley history.
- Not having to share the building with Councillors, except for surgeries would free up space for more activities, eg homework clubs, a café, CAP, a Foodbank Hub, cookery lessons, tourist information local & further afield.
- 71 Talks about local history (mines, railways & canals. Cookery demonstrations
- **72** Establish the upstairs area of the Stanley St Site as a Museum/ display venue
- 73 Keeping the original library building
- **74** To remain in Stanley st
- **75** To remain in Stanley Street for convenience
- Invest in Tyldesley more, its been neglected for years, that's why the building need so many repairs. So much money gone into other parts of Wigan but all Tyldesley seems to have is more and more houses. Give the children and adults something else other than the Internet.
- 77 Better disabled access.
- **78** Opening more days & times
- 79 Use for local book clubs and facilities for blind people
- Spending the money for renovation on a building gifted to the people of Tyldesley not a government building to look better on the main street
- 81 Don't move the library
- 82 It's perfect as it is.
- Tyldesley library is a beautiful well used library . I have I. Th roast used the rear entrance easily and quickly. It is centrally located and a pleasure to attend.
- **84** Environment which enhances experience
- Music and singing, especially for the younger generation, also dance at the weekend for 13/14/15/16 year olds (with snooker table etc for those who don't dance, but go to meet friends. Mother and baby group.
 - 6. Do you currently volunteer at Tyldesley library?

Yes - 5 No - 243

7. Would you be interested in volunteering at Tyldesley library in either running a particular event or activity to engage residents in your local community or supporting with library functions?

Yes - 32 No - 118 Maybe – 101

8. If you would like us to contact you about this, please leave details of your name, contact number and/or email address below:

37 responses

9. Are you interested in forming or are you already part of a community group that would be interested in accessing funding to run or contribute to running events and activities in Tyldesley library?

Yes - 43 No - 149 Maybe - 59

10. If you would like us to contact you about this, please leave details of your name, contact number and/or email address below:

19 responses

11. Would you like to see any providers or partner services e.g. Health partners represented in your library? Please use the space below to tell us about this:

67 responses

ID	Responses
1	Accessible exercise/mobility/falls clinic classes for elderly and those with mobility issues. This would benefit my and my partners elderly parents.
2	Perhaps
3	Not sure what you mean by this? if you means volunteer groups yes/ health promotion/ focus months on health and hub of how to get information / health talks etc
4	Careers Advisor
5	Yes. The library is an important hub for people at the centre of the community and should be used as such.
6	Just various courses, and to be given spaces to give talks on numerous subjects.
7	Citizen advice bureau would be great.
8	Tyldesley HAZ, Leigh Carnival
9	Yes sounds good. Especially anyone that can help monetary - like Martin Lewis
10	Yes. more attractive entrance area. Use press eg. Leigh Journal to advertise that the library is now open.
11	StartWell, Healthy Routes? Cllrs surgeries, PCSCO surgeries
12	Mental Health groups for all including teenagers
13	Exercise classes for older people and advice from nutritionists regarding healthy eating
14	No
15	Not sure what you mean
16	Yes - access to clinics such as mum and baby, GUM, women's health, vaccination
17	No - A library should be exactly that. Don't ruin it by installing additional services like every other gateway building.
18	Arts and cultural performances, easy to access primary care, space for hybrid workers
19	The library could hold events with health, well being and advice services
20	Healthy lifestyles
21	Social services

22	I personally have no requests but can see that others would find this useful
23	Outreach from CAB; Job Centre; Age Concern and any Carers groups.
24	Yes
25	Yes so that you could see someone if need be
26	Children's services to help run class visits or activities for the kids.
27	Yes I would like to see this
28	MP Surgery, Citizens advice bureau, museum of local interest/history, Card making
	(adults and children), Calligraphy courses.
29	Mental health, child health care, etc
30	Health
31	Police
32	Yes well-being practitioners
33	Mental health services
34	Health and leisure partners. Money advice. Adult learning
35	No. I want the Carnegie library and the Town Hall brought up to the standards of
	Wigans buildings please. I have volunteered on the Park for five years, again
	because you neglected your duties. I think we in Tyldesley deserve to be treated with
	more respect than WMBC have done up to now.
36	Yes
37	No
38	Health provision would have been good when my daughter was younger so I'm sure
	others with small children would benefit.
39	Not sure what you mean by providers or partner services e.g. Health partners
40	I think health partners on the upper floor would be a great idea
41	Children's services
42	Possibly
43	I have no knowledge of partners to recommend, but I believe this idea should be
	encouraged and would offer a plethora of information to the audience.
44	Health providers - art clubs
45	Story and rhyme time to direct nursery parents to.
46	NHS partnerssupport groups
47	Yes, local mental health services
48	Yes as long as this is compatible with main library services
49	To promote healthy lifestyle and to give access to information.
50	Computer education and Computer training for family tree and local history
	researchers (maybe a advice booklet of where to start and relevant sites)
51	Yes, healthy lifestyle.
52	Healthy lifestyle groups
53	Only at Stanley St.
54	Be well, citizens advice
55	Yes -multi-functional use would be a good idea.
56	Anything that enables people to access the library more
57	Women's health, providing information/discussing topics such as menopause
58	Health partners, sports clubs
59	Self help groups for say diabetes, heart disease, healthy lifestyle
60	Zumba sessions, hula hooping. Health Talks.
61	Health
62	Local Mental Health services, self help, mindfulness etc
63	I current work in Healthcare and work 4 12 hour shifts weekly so my time is
	somewhat limited. I would however embrace the fact that local people have access to
	Healthcare information and well-being drop in centres .I believe the library is a
	familiar place and would be ideal to host such events.
64	Health advisors, vaccination services pandemics/flus etc

65	Charity and social services
66	Mental health
67	The stroke assoc. Aspasia meetings. other charities.

About the proposals

Our aim is to provide a new library facility, offering services that add value to residents in the local community and provide cultural activities to promote health and wellbeing.

This section enables you to tell us your thoughts about each of the three main areas of the proposals.

12. Part 1 - Relocation of the library into the refurbished Tyldesley Town Hall with the rationale detailed in the information provided.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with Part 1 of the proposal?

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Strongly Agree - 34
Agree - 36
Neither Agree nor Disagree - 13
Disagree - 40
Strongly Disagree - 133
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13. Part 2 - Using buildings more effectively, making the best use of space and identifying opportunities to link up with key partners

To what extent do you agree or disagree with Part 2 of the proposal?

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Strongly Agree - 62
Agree - 74
Neither Agree nor Disagree - 48
Disagree - 23
Strongly Disagree - 48
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14. Part 3 - Increasing membership, participation and volunteer engagement in the library service.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with Part 3 of the proposal?

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Strongly Agree - 83
Agree - 102
Neither Agree nor Disagree - 32
Disagree - 10
Strongly Disagree - 28
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15. Please use the space provided below, to tell us about any further comments you may have around any parts of the proposals.

122 responses

ID	Responses
1	Tyldesley's current library building was gifted to the town. It is a Carnegie building which Wigan Council has not invested in maintaining the upkeep of the building. For historical reasons this building should be kept for future generations.
2	If the library relocates, what will happen to the old Carnegie Library? Will it be put up for sale and then become derelict as many buildings in Wigan seem to become. The current library is very near Tyldesley Square and plenty of car parking, The town hall is not such a good location despite the bus stop.
3	It literally boils down to money and unfortunately not enough to support funding both buildings into refurbishment to suit both needs individually in my overall opinion. I understand this happens and trying to make the most out of a bad situation and keep as many services as possible my big concern would be what happens to the existing library building.
4	It would have made more sense to keep services and library at the library building. The town hall is run down with no parking facilities for disabled or anyone. The old library has parking outside and across the road and easy for old people to get to. By relocating to the town hall where there is congestion and traffic build up is not wise in todays health conscious climate of clean air etc. You are making it difficult for disabled people to get to the relocation if they rely on cars as there is no parking.
5	The Town Hall is not a suitable place for a library. Too far for elderly residents lack of parking facilities.
6	Tyldesley library is a part of our heritage and an important part of Tyldesley's historic landscape. It should be retained for future generations.it would be an ideal place for a community youth hub, or health clinic as well as it's existing use.
7	In my mind there is nothing wrong with where the library is situated at the moment??
8	It would be good to have refreshment facilities whilst using the Library services.
9	There is strong local feeling that loves the old building and wants to see it restored in some shape or form. This wouldn't necessarily have to be a library, but its is loved and people would like to see Historic England or similar organisation take an interest in funding a restoration. Tyldesley HAZ and Tyldesley Historical Society would be good places to start having any conversations around that. Local people would like to hear "something" is potentially happening rather than everyone getting cynical and moaning, to have something to focus on. The move of the library is a good thing as the old building no longer fit for its original purpose, but would love to tell people that visible effort is being made to think about how the old library building could also be given a new lease of life. There has been strong positive public feedback to the sympathetic restoration work of the shopfronts along Elliott Street, so it would be great to build on that with some sort of idea of things-to-try-next for the old library. Please don't just close it and say no-one knows what might happen next, that's when local spirit is dampened.
10	Inaccessibility for people with mobility issues, safety of temporary site
11	I think there should be parking for library users. This is currently available at Tyldesley not Leigh
12	-
13	There is no information in the consultation on how the existing library building will be used following the relocation. This is very important as in 2019 Bolton News reported that the existing library building was subject to a restrictive covenant that "prevents the land from being used for anything other than a free public library for the people of Tyldesley". Failure for this consultation to address the future of the original site seriously undermines the validity of the consultation process. The public have the right to know if the building is going to sit empty due, sold off for pittence or pulled down as a result of the council failing to look after its building estate. There is also no details if this is an increase or reduction of floorspace for full time library use compared to a) current and b) as built in 1909.

14	The Town Hall is an unsuitable location. I would propose that the Library is repaired and the Town Hall is moved there as it is in a central location with parking outside. The building can be made accessible and can be saved. I feel it is a more appropriate venue than the Town Hall.
15	I like the proposed plans and think the additional space on the first floor will definitely support the library moving forward, not to mention the access - the Stanley Street entrance is impossible with a pram/wheelchair or mobility problems
16	Parking has been a problem outside the Town Hall were there is ample parking and disability spaces on the car park to access the library now. People would not use the library as much if they could not park nearby. Town Centre Square is better location and shops and cafes would all benefit from more foot fall as people access the library.
17	There is no parking available, already we are seeing an increase to those parking on the yellow lines at the top of Well Street making it very dangerous for cars entering or leaving the housing estate
18	Very important to keep the library open and moving forward to provide education and the opportunity to read. Tyldesley must always have a library
19	I have used Tyldesley library as a disabled person in a wheelchair and used the ramp at the back it is useful and does not stop me accessing the facilities. I also use the disabled parking space outside. I cannot use the town hall as they is nowhere to park and difficult to cross the road when cars are bumper to bumper
20	Not having to tackle those steep steps going into the library would be good I don't know how people with prams and wheelchairs go on
21	The library should not be moved to the tone hall permanently as it is in a dangerous location with limited car parking. The current location is ideal as it's right in the centre of the town
22	What is going to happen to the old library building? Nothing is stated within the proposals. As a charted Building Services Engineer as well as being the Head of estates for a local NHS Trust. I understand the cost of refurbishment yet it seems to have been completely overlooked where millions are bring spent in a dying wigan town centre to fix an already very expensive spend. Tyldesley has redeveloped its self with local groups and is starting to develop into a thriving town once again yet seems to be once more pushed aside by Wigan Council this town is growing rapidly and needs investment to keep up with the new builds that keep being approved.
23	Whilst volunteers are important, it is insulting to expect the majority of library staff to not be paid properly for their time.
24	The library being relocated to the Town Hall will reduce the accessibility of it for many people.
25	We need to keep the library in the original building. It is much better suited due to the car park close by. Also the building is part of local heritage and needs to be looked after and saved.
26	I think the library should stay where the people of Tyldsley wish it to remain.
27	The protection of all heritage buildings in Tyldesley, the value of that building in terms of heritage should be valued not just consolidating to save costs. Further diversity and use of the space could be explored. There are too many abandoned, poor buildings in Tyldesley. We need to protect and update existing ones not abandon more.
28	The original building has good transportation links and parking. It has history and would only be turned into flats
29	I believe that the old library has been woefully neglected. Whilst I understand that the Council budget is finite the buildings would not be in such disrepair if maintenance had been adequate over the years. The Town Hall is an eyesore currently.
30	Better access for childminders with prams
31	Parts 2 and 3 can be done in the existing library which is closer to the town centre and has parking nearby which the townhall does not.

32	I think it's great that disabled people can just go straight into the Town Hall. If you have a pram or a wheelchair you had to wait for a member of staff to let you in. Then you had to go down a very narrow passageway. Sometime you had to wait a while as the staff was busy serving other customers. If the building is done up like Atherton Town Hall then it will look great. Plus the community will have such great rooms to use instead of being crammed in. Plus there is parking opposite the Town Hall with a crossing outside the building.
33	As previous, the existing library should be retained and invested in as it is a key feature of the historic town centre.
34	It needs to be available for those that work also for events to be better advertised to local people
35	This would greatly improve our poor area and give excellent benefits to residents Much needed
36	More services for our area can only be a positive
37	The new building will be much easier for those with prams to access
38	We have the opportunity to relocate into a building which is more accessible and linked up with the rest of community services which will help our library become a community hub- it's a fantastic opportunity for our community
39	Think it will just be lovely to have the library back in service , modernised facilities used by all
40	If the relocation goes ahead what will happen to the current library building?
41	What is happening to Tyldesley Library it should be a joint plan utilising both the Library and the Town Hall
42	The current library location in Tyldesley Square is idea. The building is the correct size, the other floors can be used for social gathering, courses, youth club functions etc. Parking is on the doorstep. The other proposal to use the town hall won't be as convenient for people, although the town hall building should not be sold off for flats in similar but be used as health centre or similar function
43	I realise this is a cost saving exercise and some of the proposals are good ie. Running classes and getting health partners involved. However the library is part of Tyldesley's heritage and once that building is gone part of Tyldesley's history is gone for good too.
44	The Library should remain in Stanley Street. The Council has failed in its duty and legal requirements to maintain the building. A private landlord would be prosecuted.
45	I struggle to get into the library on Stanley Street due to the steps. I would welcome a move to the town hall for ease of access
46	Absolutely no easy access at the front for disabled parking and I certainly will not try and walk from the square to the end of the street
47	Tyldesley library is more accessible where it is and always has been in it's central position.
48	This proposal in any form has not been properly given to the people of Tyldesley many people are not aware of the proposed move and I personally object to the use of the town Hall when we should've using the purpose built library which is a much more pleasant space. The reason why the Carnegie Library in Stanley Street us in such a sorry state of repair is due to neglect by Wigan Council and now you are asking the people if Tyldesley to sacrifice this historic building purely because Wigan Council have failed in their responsibilities to maintain buildings which is also why the Town Hall needs such extensive repairsthere is adequate parking at the Town Hall and very infrequent bus service obviously this proposal has not been properly investigated it coatedwe want our Library where it belongs in the heart of the town.
49	No mention of parking availability to new location
50	This survey is manipulative.
51	Good to see existing / historic buildings being used and preserved for use by the community.

52	The library should be kept as the library and the Town Hall redeveloped into something that the Tyldesley public can use
53	The library should be kept in its current location due to the historic nature of the building and the amount of space it provides. Money should be spent on restoring this building as it is part of the towns history and has the potential to be used for so much more e.g room above for community events. It is in a central location with more accessibility as opposed to the town hall which is not as central, doesn't have the passing people traffic going through and parking much more difficult. The decision to move the library from its current location is a very poor one and the council should spend money on restoring and developing the beautiful historic building because with a proper investment you will most likely see a positive financial outcomes the people of Tyldesley and surrounding areas want the current building to remain in place and not move to the town hall
54	You have let this building fall to ruin. Spend some of the extensive monies earmarked for Wigan town centre on putting right your wrong!
55	I don't think the Council have sufficiently investigated opportunities to retain the Stanley Street building. If moved to the Town Hall the library service will be far reduced. A similar thing happened with the closure of Atherton Library recently. Public transport options are more limited at the Town Hall especially for those with mobility issues. Parking is also a real challenge at the proposed new location. Moving the library to the Town Hall will result in reduced footfall both for the Library and for the businesses around Stanley Street. The library is at present in a central location and should stay there. Losing public access to the beautiful Stanley street building and our historic Carnegie library would be a loss for the entire community. Also the Town Hall's position next to a busy road junction poses a risk to pedestrians.
56	The building should be refurbished rather then discarded, the library is accessible for everyone where it is. We don't need a new building we need the history of Tyldesley to stay right where it as at the centre
57	The library needs to stay at the original site
58	It should be in the former building which is in the heart of town and where there is space for more books. Time Wigan Council invested in Tyldesley.
59	Maybe a good idea to make good use of the upstairs rooms at the very top. there is a lift so it's easy access and it would be nice to make-install new windows at the back of the very top rooms which could be a good feature to see. Brilliant views over the back southwards I.E Manc airport & city Airport Orell bank peak district Astley moss-Cheshire.
60	I think the original library building should be refurbished for confused use. The site is better situated to accommodate library users, there is no main road making it safer for children and adults alike, it's a lovely airy space. I believe that it's full potential is waiting to be unlocked, I have always thought that it was underused. The site being in the square is a place that could used for people to meet and sit (more conservation should be given fir funding this to become a more community minded space, more green for one thing). I think with investment here this would be a unified community space much needed today. So please don't move our library to the town hall. It's on the main road. It's dirty and smelly with traffic and not very safe. Tyldesley needs more investment as it is, fewer takeaways and more functioning shops. Make the areas that can be greener, greener. I strongly feel that Wigan council are missing a trick here.
61	I have a twin buggy and struggle to get into Stanley St. The new location is much better to access
62	I am pleased that the library will continue to run as this has been a large fear of mine. I myself am completing a degree in English Literature with the hopes of going on to complete a bachelors in Librarian Science and strongly agree that the library is a significant aspect of a community. Each part of the proposal seems promising-however, I am unsure of the move to a new location, as I don't understand how this will

	improve the library. Equally, what will become of the old library space? I would not wish
	to see another unused building in Tyldesley, especially a building that has remained in
	Tyldesley for a long time.
63	I have been a customer of the library for years. I am glad to have this facility in Tyldesley, although I liked the other central location this is a nicer library. Please dont shut the library and open on Saturdays for working people
64	Please can a cafe/gift shop be provided/considered
65	I think making use of a building that is currently not used that doesn't require as much work to become the heart of Tyldesley is better than the problems with the current library.
66	If you move our library service, the service will be greatly reduced. The town hall is difficult to get to and is right by a busy road. Parking is non existent by the town hall. We need to keep our beautiful Carnegie Building and use the building to its full capacity
67	Relocating the Library to the old town hall will completely negate the objectives in part 2. Specifically the following 1) There is a complete lack of bus services to the Old Town Hall which will impact a significant proportion of the community who would normally access the town centre by bus, 2) The idea that people will be able to walk from the town centre to the Town Hall is bizarre, it requires elderly and less able bodied people to cross a number of roads and puts them at risk of harm, 3) The existing Library can be easily and cost effectively used and the Town Hall that has NOT been in use for the last few years can be closed down and re-developed - its in a prime spot for developers, 4) there is insufficient parking at the Town Hall that is accessible for les able bodied people meaning they either have to negotiate traffic and roads OR a steep hill. The proposals will not provide an addition to the community, it will if anything reduce usage to the point where it is no longer viable - something Wigan MBC has a history of doing.
68	The proposal to move the Library to the Town Hall would make the Library less accessible due to poor parking options.
69	Part 2 seems a little vague, but the library should be more a part of the community and vice versa.
70	I think it's a fantastic opportunity to rationalize your estate and reduce your assets that are no longer suitable. This money can be ploughed back into an area where it is required. Tyldesley town centre needs overhauled but not with more fast food outlets!
71	I am very strongly in favour of retaining the Stanley Street building. The loss of this lovely historic building would be great loss to the local community. The Town Hall site can only provide a reduced service and the location is bad from both a parking and pedestrian viewpoint
72	I feel that both buildings should be utilised as a valuable resource to the community. I'm sure funds could be accessed to bring the original library building up to standard. Parking around the town hall is inadequate.
73	The town hall should be a evening youth zone and community centre in the daytime
74	I think the plans for the new library are great, much better space and accessibility especially with wheelchair access
75	I don't think moving the library to the town hall would make better use of the buildings.
76	Only at Stanley Street Library
77	I would like the library to stay where it is. The parking is more convenient and the building is central for everyone.
78	I agree with what you want to do but not in the Town Hall building!! All these things could be done in the Tyldesley library building. It is far more central for everyone. Tyldesley market area is the is the place where people meet and the library is central to the market. My fear is that the library service will eventually disappear if moved. Please rethink your choice of building.
79	The library should stay in the centre of Tyldesley.

80	By keeping the library in Stanley St it is the best use for a building with lots of access and no major dangerous junctions.
81	Town Hall too small for library use. Use money to renovate current library. \had a lovely reference library upstairs but have let it fall into disrepair, instead of spending the money when needed. ut have let it fall into disrepair
82	The library site on Stanley Street is more central than the proposed site. It is better served by buses and parking is more convenient. It is nearer to other facilities such as shops, doctors, chemists and car servicing points. This makes for a multi-task experience. Facilities at the proposed site are cramped and have none of the facilities of the Stanley Street site.
83	The location of the Town Hall is unsuitable when compared with the existing library on Stanley Street. There is no suitable parking available close to the Town Hall, there is no comparable access to public transport when compared with Stanley Street. The Well Street junction with Elliott Street in conjunction with the Zebra Crossing is probably the most dangerous junction in Tyldesley. Due to these factors, moving the library to the Townhall will have a serious negative impact on footfall for both the library and the town centre as well.
84	The proposal to relocate the 'Library' from Stanley Street to the Town Hall has a few issues which we have identified. There is the issue regarding the parking for the proposed site, a number of streets around the Town Hall building have parking restrictions, there is also the lack of disabled parking available the nearest disabled parking bay available is on Primrose Street carpark which is 109 meters away. Access to this carpark is by crossing a very busy main road then walking on very uneven footpaths then when you reach the carpark itself you will find the carpark needs repair and poses serious trip hazards. There is also a carpark 30 meters from the town hall that is accessible from Shuttle Street, but this carpark unfortunately does not have any disabled parking bays. Another issue we have found with the 'Town Hall' site is the lack of available public transport there is a bus stop 20 meters from the 'Town Hall' but doesn't serve Boothstown, Ellenbrook, Farnworth, Hag Fold, Little Hulton or Walkden. Anyone who lives in these areas or on these routes would have to walk to either the bus stop on Shuttle Street which is 223 meters, or the bus stop located at Tyldesley Market Square which is 234 meters from the 'Town Hall'. If the Library was kept at 'Stanley Street' public transport would be easier to access and available from the bus stop on Tyldesley Market square which is only 54 meters and serves the areas and routes the Shuttle Street bus stop doesn't. The town hall site is located on the corner of Elliott Street and Well Street which poses two risks. One being Well Street is very steep and can cause the elderly and those with mobility issues to have a higher chance of an accident and could cause serious injury. The other issue we have identified is the 'Zebra Crossing' which is directly on a junction again poses a risk to pedestrians, the reason for this is that direct traffic leaving Well Street is not necessarily looking at the crossing more looking to their right and again we have witnessed pedestri
85 86	Same response as answer 84 Same response as answer 84
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89	The library building was donated to be exactly that, a library! I see no reason for the library to be moved to the town hall - a building which does not look as good as our own library.
90	I am unable to use the library in its new location at Tyldesley Town Hall as there is no suitable parking nearby and I am unable to walk all the way there from the parking that is available in the centre of Tyldesley. At the moment my wife is having to take me to Atherton Library where there is suitable parking however the library service there has

been massively reduced and I am soon going to have run out of books to read - I read a book a day! I think Wigan Council need to make a greater effort in investigating opportunities to enable the retention of the Stanley Street building in order to continue to house Tyldesley Library there. My wife visited the library in Tyldesley Town Hall recently and informs me that the quantity of books has been vastly depleted and that inside the building it is totally airless, so that anyone with respiratory issues, like myself would be unable to breathe. I consider that the position of the Town Hall next to a busy road junction poses a risk to pedestrians whereas the Stanley Street building is on a quiet street with parking either outside or on the car park nearby where the driver is not putting themselves at risk getting out onto a main road with the constant stream of traffic passing by within inches! If someone is able to get public transport to Tyldesley Town Hall, from where are they going to be able to get public transport back home again, without a long walk into Tyldesley to find a bus stop? It really is a long walk from the centre of Tydesley for the elderly and impossible situation for those like myself with mobility issues. Parking anywhere near the proposed location at Tyldesley Town Hall is virtually impossible whereas there is plenty of parking available near the Stanley Street building and suitable access for the disabled through the side entrance. There are many small businesses in the centre of Tyldesley that benefit from the footfall that the library on Stanley Street brings so moving the library permanently to the very edge of Tyldesley will be to their detriment. The stunningly beautiful Stanley Street building and the historic Carnegie library are an amazing resource for the whole community of Tyldesley - isn't it about time that Wigan Council spent some money on this resource for the whole community of Tyldesley instead of treating us like 3rd Class citizens! The Stanley Street building is where our library should be not the Town Hall!

- I would like to see the library have longer opening hours to increase access to all residents
- **92** Concern about what will happen to the existing library
- 93 I don't think the council has not properly looked at the opportunities to keep Stanley Street site as a viable library, If moved to the Town Hall the library service would be reduced as has happened in Atherton, Stanley Street is on two major bus routes and has a large car park opposite the building, parking near the Town Hall is a nightmare, Stanley Street library was originally conceived as a library and should remain so. The Town Hall is situated on a road junction that is busy at all times of day and would create a serious risk to people using it
- 94 Tyldeslev Library Consultation 27.7.22 - Part 2 & 3 should only apply to restoring the existing Carnegie Library. The Council have wilfully neglected the state of the building for at least 20 years and let it deteriorate, by ignoring simple things like replacing roof tiles. The covenant type situation of the architect bequeathing the building to the people of Tyldesley and surrounding areas, has been studiously side stepped and the decline in standards has been apparent over some years. It is a disgrace the way some of the staff have been treated over time and disappointing that volunteers have had to shoulder much of the burden for services, on a shoestring. / The Council at Wigan is still treating people of Tyldesley and surrounding areas as second class constituents, providing an inferior service - witness their current Facebook pages for other libraries in the borough show glowing scenes elsewhere. / I used to really enjoy taking my 2 lads to Stanley Street, when they were growing up, there was a pleasant atmosphere & I think it was possible to access the upper floors for exhibitions & book sales at that time - at least 35 years ago. / Occasionally, we would use the mobile services at their regular stopping points around Astley during the holidays & note how this helped ordinary people, unable to visit Tyldesley, but still paying their annual dues through local taxation. - Will we be due a rebate for the years we've had empty promises during the pandemic about a reopening, please? / As regards the Town Hall plans, in 2019, £1.5 million was promised to sort out both buildings, not just the town hall! / Access at the rear of that on Stanley Street should have been improved years

ago, when plenty of grants & landfill schemes were common for such amenities. Toilets could have been made more disabled friendly too. / I'm sure SPAB (The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), the Historical Society & English Heritage could have given helpful advice on that & other matters over the years & saved the Council money in the process... This can still happen... / By the Council's own admission, the Town Hall is very run down & would require a major refit. It is very difficult to work things out from the minute images in the rooms shown on the basic consultation plan, but I'm sure the amount of space given to books is much less than all the shelves in Stanley Street used to hold.. / "Digital platforms, offerings or products" don't benefit many people without computer literacy skills - not a small number in this area & many aren't interested in learning how to embrace them. / If things continue to move in that direction, the actual library book service would be even less user friendly - at a time when the watchwords are inclusivity & equality. / Also, the location of the Town Hall opposite a busy one way road junction, would make crossing the road dangerous for those on foot & parking or using mobility scooters etc hazardous.. / The number of bus services that use the halt outside the Town Hall are far fewer than those serving the 2 bus stops near Stanley Street.. / All these issues would mean the footfall is likely to fall, not grow. / For all these reasons, I urge the Council to reconsider their intentions & revisit the building near the Market Square without delay. / Many people are wondering what the state of the old Atherton Library is now, after some alarming photo footage emerged early in 2021 – let alone the state of the one we love in Tyldesley – there's been no mention of what might replace it where it once stood proud... / We should have been told what Atherton Library's fate was to be, before this consultation was launched.../

- I oppose moving Tyldesley Library to Tyldesley Town on several grounds. Firstly I 95 would like to thank you for the chance to have my say. Tyldesley Library is the third most used of the all the 13 Wigan Libraries, so why move it?? The new library will be smaller and therefore hold less books (and have less reading areas.) One of the issues raised in the document is the need to improve disabled access, Well there are Government grants for this purpose. The current building has been used for a long time- the necessary repair work could be done in phases to spread the cost. The document states that the Town Hall building has a bus stop very near....so too does the current library. Why will moving the library facilitate new activities? Local Councillor surgeries could be held in the current library building. Why would moving the library to the Town Hall enable closer working with the local community.... it is only 200 yards from the current site? The document states "The spaces would be flexible to maximise productivity of uses within the building..... By "spaces" do you mean rooms?? How would they be "flexible?" How do you "maximise productivity of uses?" Plain English would be most helpful
- 96 I oppose this proposal here are my comments i have been a resident for over 38 years and have paid my rates and council tax. Myself and both my childeren enjoyed the benefits provided by the libary. We have spent many happy times together, reading and borrowing books as well as the numerous craft activites. i also have attended the local history talks as well as talks by different authors, these i thoroughly enjoyed. Tyldesly library was neglected by wigan council. the council did not bother to fix any of the problems which occurred over the years. money can be found to improve wigan but not for the poor relation Tyldesly! the site of the present library first opened in 1842 as a mechanics institute and has been used as a seat of learning for over 170 years. this building was demolished. 1908. Tyldesley town council took advantage of a carnegie grant to build a new public library for the town for anyone to use. the library was built over one hundred years ago, the architecture is wonderful both inside and outside of the building and therefore should be made good again. the present libary does have access to an upperfloor where space could be utilized for activites as well as space downstairs where the non-fiction section is situated, the upper floor could also be

utilised for a small museum for the story of tyldesleys proud heritage as progress taking place now. the spaces could all be well utilized. upgrade systems rather that repairing it. deal with dry rot, roof and mould and bre into the building so it can be enjoyed by future generations. access coul improvised by repurposing the back door and making it wider to enable people and families with young childeren in prams to gain access a ram on stanley street to gain enterance to the libary. A lift could also be instapeople of limited mobility and familys could access the upper floor in the the stairs are situated. the libary is situated in a very prominent place on near the the square. the libary is situated in a very prominent place on so that people know exeactly where the ibary is situated. maybe similar leigh. looking at the football figures for Tyldesley provided by historic acceptable using elliot street and the square was the buissiest. March 2021: 2021: 67234 August 2021: 58747 September 2021: 61716. the bus stop guided busway is nearby. car parking is just nearby, and it is easy access shops and its in the center of town, the town hall is further away rom the car parking is just nearby, and it is easy access for all the shops and its town, the town hall is further away from the square and the car park is so	e the heating eathe new life d be disabled p could be built alled to enable a space where a stanley street ould be erected to signposts in tion zone. 1: 5143 July os and the for all the e square and in the center of
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No parking available if you do wish to use your car especially disabled p the heart of the town where a library should be wigan library is in the heart Tyldesley just gets pushed to the wayside wigan seem to have all the m	art of their town
Cafe, Water cooler, more toilet facilities. I agree that the library should s hall because i like how the adult library is separate from the children's like	tay in the town
It is difficult to decide the best solution as we are not given any plans for library in its current location. It's stated that this would be more expensive figures are given. I don't really use library services myself anymore, how imagine that the demographics are skewed towards old, young and less people. Although there is a bus stop immediately outside the town hall, it raffic from one direction and there isn't much room. Parking is poor for coad to the side of the building is a steep hill and the traffic, particularly a is horrendous. Not good for the old and young. The more central location library is a better site and also concentrates footfall in the centre of the testrategy given the demise of our town centres. The existing library site is attractive building and it's demise would be a loss to the town. We do not would replace it.	ve but no vever I would wever I would were I would
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106	The Library is central to Tyldesley, there's parking and bus route right outside, it's a light airy building. The Town Hall however is at the centre of a busy junction, so need any more congestion around that area. Invest in Tyldesley
107	The town hall is not the right building to use as a library. The building on Stanley Street was a designated building for that purpose. The alleged refurbished town hall does not have the natural light for a library. If you are going to spend money renovating a building, please consider Stanley Street building for this use. There are too many historic buildings being destroyed in this Borough and others. Please consider what legacy we are leaving for our children and their children. Tyldesley is described as an historic town: let's retain some history and heritage in our town.
108	I believe that the building in the location it is currently in is familiar to the people of Tyldesley and also more central with car parking near by.
109	Have tried to park many times at that end of Tyldesley for the Charity shop and never been successful- parking in the centre is much more accessible and available and increases foot fall for the central shops and market place events etc.
110	Strongly disagree with relocation. Old library is a beautiful building and should be used not abandoned.
111	The building has been part of the community for many years and serves its purpose as it is. Money should be spent to renovate and bring it back to life, not shove it in with the town hall because it is a cheaper option for Wigan council. It is an integral part of Tyldesley community which we should be protecting if we are to restore Tyldesley back to its former glory.
112	To move the library elsewhere would be a despicable act
113	It seems to be due to money and not wanting to care for the current library that brings about a desired change of Luca Toni. Tyldesley has third highest usage in the borough and is therefore functioning well. The building is beautiful. From the outside tyldesley town hall looks a absolute disgrace. The signage the old faded peeling front door. Looks very uncared for so this up but don't move the library to save having you care for two buildings.
114	The current library building is part of Tyldesley heritage. I am concerned it would be repurposed as a non public building eg an office, or worse still stand empty / be demolished. I would agree with the idea more if there was an assurance the building will be carefully and selectively resold and restored. Also not sure there will be room in Tyldesley Town Hall for the full library to relocate - I would not want it to be smaller with less choice, or diminished.
115	The Carnegie building should be restored as a library
116	I strongly disagree with the proposals. The Stanley St building is an iconic building that has been left to fall into disrepair. No investment has been made by the council to maintain it's condition. The council needs to explain why has no investment been made. This building has been used by the public without disabled access for 10 years since the Equality Act 2010. Criminal. To use the Act as one of the reasons to move the library is shameful. The community want a specific library in the heart of our town. We need answers from the council why this wonderful building has been allowed to fall into decline
117	It is Wigan's fault that the library is in the state it is in, so I feel it is your responsibility to fix it. Also if you are wanting to make the old town hall into the said above that will also cost money. No parking near the town hall and the street at the side is a steep slope. What i remember growing up in Tyldesley the town hall is although tall is small inside.
118	Parking, Poor location. No public transport. No costings
119	Parking, Location. Disabled parking, Public transport
120	Parking Location Costings Proposal
121 122	Parking. Location. Costings. Proposal Not enough parking. Disabled parking. Wrong location. Lack of costings in both
144	buildings

Please tell us a little about yourself

This information will be used to help us ensure that the questionnaire has been completed by a fair representation of the local community.

16. What is your postcode? 215 responses

17. How old are you?

55 to 60 - 35

Under 18 - 1	61 to 70 - 71
18 to 24 - 7	71 to 80 - 25
25 to 40 - 46	Over 80 - 9
41 to 54 - 47	Prefer not to say - 3

18. What best describes your gender?

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Male - 77 Female - 162
Prefer not to say - 2 Prefer to self-describe - 0
Other - 1
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19. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

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Yes a little - 37 No – 172
Yes a lot - 18 Prefer not to say - 11
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20. Please select your Ethnicity

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White - 231
Asian or Asian British - 1
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - 0
Black/African/Black Caribbean or Black British - 2
Other Ethnic Group - 3
Prefer not to state Ethnicity - 9
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Next steps

- Take into consideration residents' feedback to the proposed move.
- Allow for a more diverse range of events, activities and visibility of key partners, whilst still housing an appropriate provision of books and computers in the library, which are popular with residents.
- Identify and liaise with partners and community groups regarding the future offer for the library.
- Contact residents who have expressed an interest in volunteering.