



Request

Is the local authority the owner of the library building (that was) in Market Street, Hindley? (Corner of market street and Cross street.)

This building was once the focal point for the community library. It is now in a state of disrepair and an eyesore to all who live here in Hindley.

Is there a problem with ownership and the inability to keep this building fit for purpose to the community?

Response

Since Sep 2014, the freehold (MAN180268) and leasehold (MAN204756) were sold and are in the ownership of:

ELLAND DEVELOPMENTS (UK) LIMITED, (Company Reg. 06358096), Beech Hall, Gidlow Lane, Wigan WN6 7PH (details obtained from the HM Land Registry Open Data set). Company details here:-

[ELLAND DEVELOPMENTS \(UK\) LIMITED overview - Find and update company information - GOV.UK](#)

Any further enquiries should be directed to the above property owners: in terms of ownership and use, the Council has no further say. As a Planning Authority the Council involvement would be triggered by a planning event - an application, or if the building became a dangerous structure. There have been two planning applications since the property was acquired by the current owners, ref. A/15/81768/LB and A/15/81768/LB, but no actual development has taken place. Full details of these applications can be obtained from the Council's planning portal: [Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Wigan Council continue to provide a high-quality library and community facility at Progress Street, Hindley, WN2 3EB. This is 5 minutes' walk from the old library building, and very much in the heart of Hindley.