

# HENDON HUB PUBLIC CONSULTATION



## NEW HENDON LIBRARY

**We have the opportunity to create a fantastic new public library for Hendon, taking advantage of the redevelopment of the site immediately opposite the current library. This is in line with recommendations made in the recent independent evaluation of the Library Service.**

The brand new library will be an eye-catching and purpose-built contemporary building, designed to deliver a modern library service, with new warm bright, flexible and accessible open spaces, flooded with natural light.

By making use of the development opportunity, the library service will be able to:

- Expand the library offer – for example, potentially creating ‘Makerspaces’ where children and adults can learn how to use creative technologies like 3D printers, or spaces where community partners can deliver services such as job clubs or health advice
- Provide a better community room for hire, helping to promote a wider range of community and library activities
- Provide more and better equipped spaces for study
- Promote its services better, inspiring residents not currently using the library to become members
- Raise the profile and use of the Local Studies Centre, also housed within the library
- Reduce the cost of ongoing maintenance and future-proof the service for years to come

We recognise the importance of the current Hendon Library building and its history, including the pioneering work undertaken by children’s librarian, Eileen Colwell.

The Library Service will be asking residents and library users what they want to see in the new building, and we would welcome your thoughts on this. For further details of this engagement programme and how to get involved please see: [www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries)

The historic library building will be protected and preserved through its integration into the Hendon Hub scheme, allowing for its repair and restoration. No external changes will be made to the listed facade and a heritage interpretation strategy will be developed to properly acknowledge its former use. The new public library will recognise the services provided here and build upon them for the future.

The Local Studies Centre and archives currently housed in Hendon Library will move with the library to the new facility. The new building provides an opportunity to make the resources held by this service much more accessible to the public and those undertaking research into the history of the borough.



Illustrative view of the new library and student accommodation

**The new library will continue to provide the full range of library services, including:**

- Books and other resources for loan and reference for children, young people and adults
- Public computers
- Free Wi-Fi internet access
- Study facilities
- Space for use by community groups
- Activities and events for all ages
- Staffed and self-service opening hours
- Support and advice

