

Transforming Neighbourhood Services

North east area consultation



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Background

Leicester City Council is reorganising neighbourhood services across the city. This includes libraries, community and youth centres and adult learning centres.

Significant cuts in government funding mean that we cannot continue to run services as we do now. But before making any proposals, in June and July 2016 we spoke to local people to find out what they wanted from their services. We also asked for suggestions for the future.



What is happening now

Now we have developed a way forward and we would like to know your views. These proposals bring services together and make savings.



Give your views

We are holding two events to discuss the proposals on Monday 26 September, 6 - 7.30pm at Hamilton Library and on Tuesday 27 September, 6.30 - 8pm at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre. Please come along, or give your views online or fill out the form in this leaflet.



Proposed changes

Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre and Belgrave Library

- Consider moving Belgrave Library into Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre
- Consider moving some adult learning classrooms to Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre to deliver more English language and other classes
- Explore a range of options for disposal of any surplus buildings
- Redecorate some areas of Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre including the main hall
- Change lunch club provision to free up some of the kitchen space for more community use. A basic kitchen facility will be in place for community group use
- Review room hire arrangements to free up more space for additional activities and to increase income
- Install library and customer self-serve terminals
- Explore car parking controls to improve availability for centre users



Armadale Youth Centre

- Retain the centre and the ball court
- Make minor alterations to accommodate some community activities which currently take place at Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre

Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre

- Explore options for disposal of the building including sale, transfer under the council's community asset transfer policy or clearance for potential housing development
- Work with groups to identify the best location for their needs

Rushey Mead Library and Rushey Mead Recreation Centre

- Combine library services and community activities in one of the buildings
- Install library self-service equipment
- Explore options for disposal of the other building including sale or transfer under the council's community asset transfer policy



Northfields Neighbourhood and Youth Centre

- Explore options for disposal of the building including sale or transfer under the council's community asset transfer policy
- Work with groups to identify the best location for their needs
- Explore alternative options for delivering youth sessions in the area, including street based sessions

Hamilton Library & Learning Centre

- Redevelop the building as 'Hamilton Library and Community Centre'
- Improve access to the hall for community use



Ocean Road Community Centre

- Explore options for disposal of the building including sale, demolition or transfer under the council's community asset transfer policy
- Work with groups to identify the best location for their needs

Thurnby Lodge Youth & Community Centre

- Retain the youth and community centre
- Increase use of the youth and community spaces to accommodate some relocated activities
- Explore ways of reducing centre running costs with existing partners



Note: If this consultation process identifies extra opportunities, we may consider other council buildings in the north east area.



Your views

Give your views online at leicester.gov.uk/tns

OR fill out this form. You can also come to discuss the proposals at two events. Details are on the front of this leaflet.

1. Which neighbourhood services do you use? (please tick)

- Adult learning Library Room hire Community activities (e.g. cooking, crafts, dance)
- Youth centre None Other (please specify)

2. Which centres do you use? (please tick)

- Rushey Mead Recreation Centre Rushey Mead Library
- Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre Belgrave Library
- Northfields Neighbourhood Centre (inc. Youth Centre)
- Hamilton Library and Learning Centre Armadale Youth Centre
- Ocean Road Community Centre Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre
- Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre

3. What is your home post code?

4. How would these proposals benefit you?

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5. Is there anything in the proposal that would stop you from using neighbourhood services? If yes, please give the reason(s).

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6. Any other comments



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Let us know about you

1. Age: Prefer not to say

2. Gender: Male Female Prefer not to say

3. How would you describe your ethnic background?

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4. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition?

Yes No Prefer not to say

How does your disability or health condition affect your ability to access local services?

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5. Household type:

Couple without children Couple with children Pensioner

Single parent Single, no children Prefer not to say

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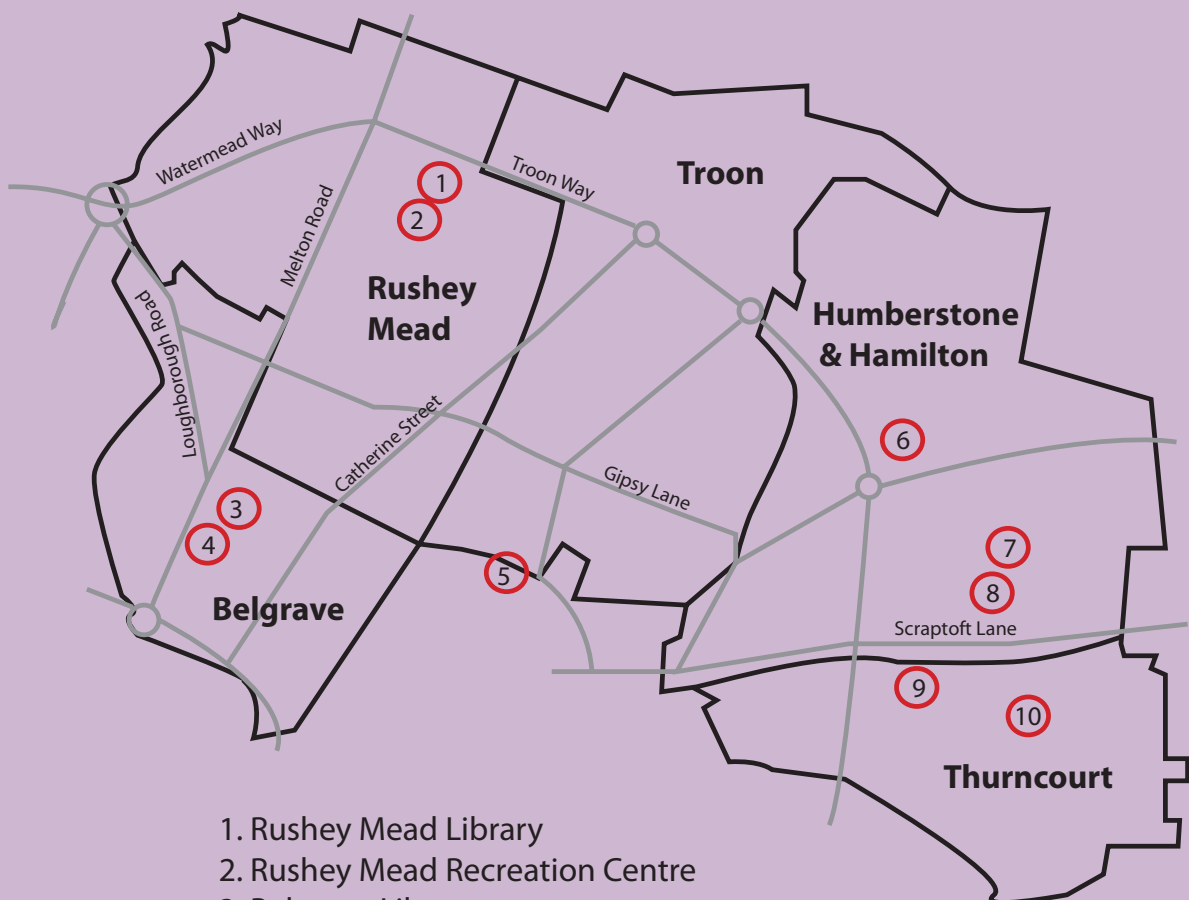
Thank you for giving us your views.

Please hand the form in to any Leicester City Council library, community or leisure centre, or post to:

Transforming Neighbourhood Services
2nd Floor, Town Hall
Town Hall Square
Leicester LE1 9BG

The closing date is 23 October 2016

Neighbourhood buildings (North east area)



1. Rushey Mead Library
2. Rushey Mead Recreation Centre
3. Belgrave Library
4. Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre
5. Northfields Neighbourhood Centre (including Youth Centre)
6. Hamilton Library & Learning Centre
7. Armadale Youth Centre
8. Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre
9. Ocean Road Community Centre
10. Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre

This map shows approximate locations for illustrative purposes.