



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

A new library for Chaddesden Ward



Why does Chaddesden Ward need a new library?

The present library in Chaddesden Ward was built in the park off Chaddesden Lane in 1954. It is a temporary building which was expected to last about 50 years. It is now nearing the end of its life and needs to be replaced. The Council has allocated £1,298,000 for a new, purpose-built library for the ward. The new building will be fully accessible for disabled people and will be big enough to offer the full range of services and facilities that people now expect from a modern public library. These will include DVD loans, Internet access, and community meeting rooms as well as the traditional book loan service.

Building a brand new library gives us the opportunity to look at the present site and consider whether there's anywhere better to locate the library. Clearly, it's very important that the new library is built in the right place – it will be a permanent landmark that will serve

people in Chaddesden Ward for many years to come.

Because of this, the Council wants to make sure that Chaddesden Ward residents can have their say on where the library should be built.

We have carefully considered a number of possible sites for the new library and the one we are proposing is on the edge of Chaddesden Park, off Nottingham Road - see the map inside this leaflet.

Why the Council is proposing a new site

The present library in the park is in a pleasant setting in daylight but it's isolated and sometimes suffers from vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Some customers and staff have said they don't feel safe using the library after dark. Also, because it's tucked away out of sight, we believe that not everyone in the Ward knows where it is.



We would like to build the new library at the proposed site because it will be:

- more visible - making it less vulnerable to vandalism and encouraging more use even when it's dark
- easier to reach for people from all over Chaddesden Ward, including those living south of Nottingham Road.

However, the Council wants to hear what local people feel about the new library site we're proposing before making a final decision. To help us to do this, we have appointed an independent research company called Marketing Innovation to carry out a random survey of people from across the whole of Chaddesden Ward so that we can get a representative picture of residents' views.

Survey of 1,000 Chaddesden Ward residents

Chaddesden Ward has an adult population of around 10,500, spread across just over 5,800 addresses. To make sure we get a representative spread of responses from across the whole of the Ward, Marketing Innovation will be surveying 1,000 residents. From Monday 7 September, interviewers will be knocking on every sixth door on every street in the Ward and asking residents to take part in the survey. They will show their identification badges to confirm they are from the research company.

The interviewers will ask people whether or not they agree with the proposed site for the new library on Nottingham Road and, if not, will ask whether they can suggest another site that they think would be better.

If you are asked to take part in the survey, please do take this opportunity to give your views.

What happens after the survey?

We will report the results of the survey in early October - a summary of the results will be on the Council's website - www.derby.gov.uk - and on the Neighbourhood Board noticeboards in Chaddesden Ward. The Council will use these results to help in making its final decision.

Please contact Marketing Innovation Ltd on 01509 219002 or email minfo@marketinginnovation.co.uk if you have any queries about this research project or visit www.derby.gov.uk/LeisureCulture/Libraries



Existing library

Proposed location of the new Library

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