**Sherwood Library Update (Jan 2021)**

**Q. Why is Sherwood Library closed and when will it reopen?**

Sherwood library is currently closed following a review of the building's ceiling and alcove plaster. The current buildings are in a poor state of repair and the library no longer meets the standards expected by library users.

Following its closure, details to build a new Sherwood Library have been revealed as contracts are signed with a developer, which will see the whole site redeveloped.

The Sherwood Library site, located on Spondon Street, is currently owned by Nottingham Council, and includes former social services offices, a car park and three retail units, as well as the existing library.

Subject to obtaining planning approval, Hockley Developments expect to be on site early in 2021.

For the full article, please see: [www.mynottinghamnews.co.uk/new-era-for-sherwood-library-as-contracts-signed-with-developer/](http://www.mynottinghamnews.co.uk/new-era-for-sherwood-library-as-contracts-signed-with-developer/)

**Q. What are the plans for future Library provision at Sherwood?**

Nottingham City Council has selected Hockley Developments as the preferred developer to redevelop the site on Spondon Street in Sherwood. The agreement will be that the City Council will sell the land to Hockley Developments for development to include retail space, new homes, car parking and in return the development will include a new Library for the Council. Further information on what is being proposed can be found on the Planning Application documents submitted by Hockley Developments, these can be viewed on the following link:

<http://publicaccess.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QLDCVKLYJHT00>

**Q: How can we provide our comments about these proposals?**

Comments during the consultation period about the Planning Application should be provided on the comments section of the above link.

**Q: When will works commence?**

Subject to obtaining planning approval Hockley Developments expect to be on site early in 2021.

**Q. Will car parking be re-provided?**

The new development proposes to reprovide a total of 46 car parking spaces, to be allocated as follows:

22 spaces for general public (including 5 electric car charging points), 12 spaces for the new retail unit,

2 spaces for library staff & loading, 10 spaces for the apartments.

The proposal is that the general public spaces will be free for a time restriction of up to 2 hours, but not for unlimited periods as they currently are. This should reduce commuter parking.

The construction work is being phased to ensure car parking and access to the electric car charging points is provided during the redevelopment

**Q. When will the new Library be open?**

It is expected that the new Library will be ready to open to the public in Autumn 2022

**Q. What sort of facilities will the new Library provide?**

Similar to the previous Sherwood Library it will offer a range of books, computers, workspaces, meeting rooms for hire and space for activities, such as totstime for children.

Team members will be on hand to help library visitors find books suitable to their needs, and to give assistance with accessing computers and other library facilities.

Prior to opening of the new library, Nottingham City Libraries will continue to offer its’ wide range of digital services, such as eResources, Storytimes & songs & rhymes online, as well as digital links to support Nottingham residents with reading, learning, entertainment & support. These facilities are available via [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/) and the [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/one-stop-online-library/](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/one-stop-online-library/)

The digital services will continue to be available when the new Sherwood library reopens also, so customers may continue to enjoy both the library in person and online.

For any customers wishing to access Nottingham City Libraries facilities, in person currently, such as books by click & collect, or computer use for essential purposes, please see [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-a-library/](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-a-library/) for an available library. Customer’s membership cards gives all visitors access to available libraries & facilities throughout Nottingham.

**Q. Will there be affordable housing in the scheme?**

The Council are looking at ways of providing as much new affordable housing as possible in Sherwood ward. This scheme needs to go through the planning process, and the viability of the scheme will be looked at in detail there, to see if the scheme can viably deliver affordable housing on site.

**Q. Who do I contact for more information:**

For more information regarding the planning application and how to make comments please see the Nottingham City Council Planning website:

<http://publicaccess.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QLDCVKLYJHT00>

If you require general information about the proposals please contact:

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