

Questionnaire

The information you provide below will be used to help Council develop the Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan. The attributable views of individual respondents will not be published. The views expressed form part of a public participation process and will be considered by the Council when finalising the Plan and how it will function.

Does the Plan accurately reflect what you think a network of libraries for Christchurch should look like in the future?

Does this Plan provide for libraries that will be community focal points and reflect and respond to different communities' needs?

Does the plan show good value and use of current buildings and new buildings for the future?

Are there any community needs for library facilities that have been missed in the plan?

Do you wish to comment on any of the proposed new libraries (Halswell, Belfast, Aranui, Bishopdale and Central)?

Do you wish to comment on other significant developments?

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the 2025 Plan?

About the respondent:

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

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I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held on Monday 23 June and Tuesday 24 June 2008.

Public comment on the Draft Plan is from 14 April to 31 May 2008. The full report and submission form is available online at <http://library.christchurch.org.nz/> and the full Draft Plan is also available for viewing at any Christchurch library.



Christchurch City Council Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan April 2008

Draft Plan proposes two new libraries

Two new libraries are proposed for Christchurch under the Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan. These will be built in Aranui and Belfast. A replacement library is also proposed for Halswell.

Belfast and Halswell are the two areas identified in the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) where significant population growth is forecast in the next few years. New libraries are proposed to meet growing and changing community needs.

While Hornby falls within the South West Area Plan, the more intense growth is expected to be in the Halswell area. However, the Draft Plan recognises the need to investigate any opportunities for development in line with the UDS.

Aranui is an area of the city where there is a recognised gap in the library network, and where a neighbourhood library has for some time been considered important to stimulate lifelong learning and leisure activities within the community.

The size of the current Central Library building restricts the opportunities for the development of customer services which would enhance customer experiences and allow Central Library to fulfill its role as the metropolitan library for the City and region. The Draft Plan supports exploring development options for a new Central Library in time for consideration for funding as part of the 2012-2022 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

These future developments look to ensure best use and enhancement of the city's network, while ensuring a diverse range of library services are delivered city-wide.

It is proposed to retain the library service at Bishopdale but review its location in the retail precinct, as the library will require major work within the next decade, and to evaluate the future role of Redwood Library following the opening of a new library at Belfast.

The Draft Plan also considers the need to monitor the use and service provision at the South Christchurch, New Brighton and Parklands libraries to ensure these libraries evolve with changing community needs.

The Plan supports the continuation of the Mobile Library service to fill network gaps in the areas where a library building is not sustainable, as well as investigating self-help service delivery options, such as library kiosks.

At Fendalton, the Draft Plan supports the library operating seven days – aligning the business with other large suburban libraries of a similar size – and developing a café to create a destination for the whole family to enjoy.

The Plan calls for the evaluation of service provision at Little River, with consideration being given to possible non-building based service delivery in the area, and to assess the need for an alternative, larger building for Sumner Library, should opportunities become available.

