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Christchurch City Libraries
Te Whare Pukapuka Aa Iwi Otautahi

New Library Service Centre and Learning Centre for South Christchurch

What?

A new Council complex is coming to South Christchurch. It will incorporate a Library, Learning Centre and Christchurch City Council services.

This new building will be built where the Beckenham Service Centre is now on the corner of Colombo Street and Hunter Terrace.

Why?

One of the Council's responsibilities is to continually look at improving and enhancing services for residents. In 1993, improvements to services at Spreydon Library and the Community Library at St Martins were identified.

Difficulties finding a suitable site meant looking at other ways to achieve improved services. After considering options and consulting with the community, the decision was made to build a new complex in Beckenham, which would provide Library and Council services for the South Christchurch area.

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When will it be ready?

The planned opening date is December 2002.

How much will it cost?

The Council has allocated \$4.5million for the project.

How will it improve things?

The new Library will provide resources, study areas, lounge seating and a place to meet. The Learning Centre is a new partnership between the Council and the education sector. It will provide a place for children, teachers and the community to update their skills and access a wide range of electronic information and technology.

When will work start?

The project is in the planning stage. The Council is asking residents for ideas and suggestions. Meetings have been arranged with groups in the community – such as youth, schools, seniors and cultural groups to make sure as many views as possible are heard and considered. A general public meeting will be held on Monday 24 September from 7pm – 9pm.

The consultation process takes place in September and October, 2001. For more details on how you can be involved contact Nick Chapman ph: 337 4508 or Hilary Renfree ph: 372 7878.

How will it affect me?

Spreydon Library and St Martins Adult Voluntary Library will remain open. St Martins Children's Library customers will be able to use this service until shortly before the opening of the new facility, planned for December 2002. Children's services will then be delivered from the new Library.

Rates payments and other Council services will be available from a temporary location during the construction phase.

If you are a tradesperson and would like to be involved in the project, main contractors will advertise tenders in the usual way. You will need to look out for these and contact the contractors concerned.

As this is a new Library facility there may be some employment opportunities in Library work available late 2002.

How will I know what is happening?

Information about the project will be available via our website at

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Consultation/SouthChristchurchLibrary/>

Other Libraries in Christchurch and the Beckenham Service Centre will also have information as it becomes available. Some advertising will be placed in Community Newspapers, City Scene and The Press as key milestones are reached.

Information is also available by calling **03 3796 914**.