



Daventry Library Relocation Engagement Programme

Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

Concerns that library space at the Abbey Centre will be too small

Whilst the allotted space at The Abbey Centre is smaller than the existing building in North Street, NCC have worked closely with Daventry District Council to ensure that the layout of the library is fit for purpose and flexible enough to ensure that we are able to continue to deliver all of our statutory services.

There are also some key additional benefits of the move to The Abbey Centre, which include a larger children's area and outside space and public toilets, including facilities for people with disabilities and baby changing facilities. The whole library area will be fitted out by professional library designers to provide a bright, welcoming and flexible space.

Concerns over the loss of the Exhibition Room

Whilst the exhibition space at the existing library has been a useful asset for many years it is not a part of our statutory library provision and no other library in the county has an equivalent facility. The space is not utilised as a venue for exhibitions sufficiently each year to justify making provision a priority at the new venue.

Concerns about a lack of available space for regular groups to meet

Regular activities, including Children's Centre Service activities and Craft Groups will be accommodated in the main part of the library. Children's activities will benefit from the larger children's library area and the purpose built outside space. Craft Groups can be accommodated either in the main library area or in the Learning Centre, where we will create a flexible space that can be adapted for a variety of activities.

Concerns about reduced book stock

The library will continue to house a wide selection of books to borrow for all ages and tastes. Whilst there will be a small reduction in the amount of book stock available at the new location, library staff are working hard to reduce the number of books by removing only older stock or books that have not been borrowed for a significant amount of time. Daventry library will continue to be supplied with new book stock from the Library Service's book fund, subject to availability of countywide funding.



Concerns about the local studies collection

Our local studies collection will be relocated to the new library, but it will be reviewed to ensure that the content is specific to Daventry and the surrounding area. Books of wider local interest will be relocated to more appropriate libraries across the county. Local reference books with significant historical value will be relocated to Northampton Central Library, where they can be conserved more appropriately in the dedicated local studies 'Discover Area' whilst still being accessible to the public.

Concerns about the location of the Abbey Centre and availability of parking

The Abbey Centre is located in the centre of town, less than 800 metres from the existing library building and in relatively close proximity to shops, the Leisure Centre and the Daventry District Council Offices.

Daventry town centre has a variety of free parking and although there will be no parking spaces specifically allocated to the library, there is ample parking adjacent to the Abbey Centre, including disabled parking immediately outside the main entrance to the building.