

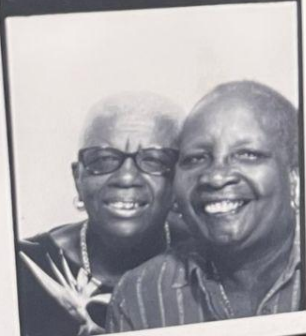
Libraries Strategy for Hackney

2022-26





“I would like to meet more of
my neighbours and interact
with the community more...”



“Libraries are storehouses of knowledge... they can also be a place that engenders a sense of community and belonging.”





“Networking opportunities to meet, collaborate and improve community cohesion.”

“Libraries are a space
for academic inquiry
and a meeting point.”



Schools Library Design Competition reaching 1,200 school children and students



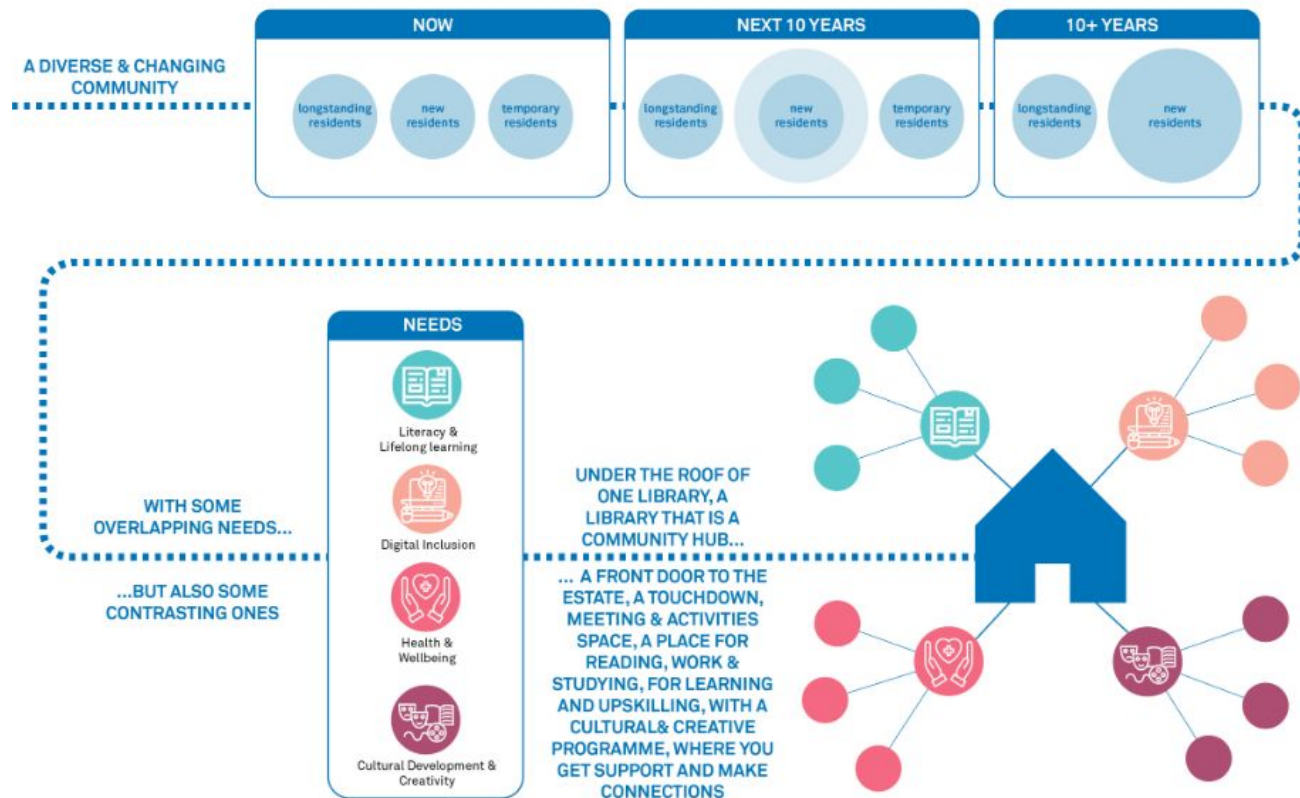
Context for Woodberry Down Library Provision

- Current library provision and relationship to the new Libraries strategy
- Feasibility study commissioned in November to scope the potential for locating a new library, financial viability, co-location options and strategic fit

Feasibility study timetable

- **November/December:** review of policy and data; library need/demand; mapping local services; strategic fit; spatial requirements (initial thoughts); user profiling; developing assessment matrix.
- **January/February:** stakeholder feedback; review of findings; financial analysis; final report.

A new library in Woodberry Down?



Developing potential users profile

- Considering existing community, residents moving in, residents who are temporary
- Needs and demands for different groups; overlapping areas
- Changes over time - need for flexibility

Strategic fit in the local area

- How a library could be a fit with the other activities and spaces in Woodberry Down
- Mapping local services and activities
- Local community spaces: Redmond Centre, Block D, Children's Centre, The Edge
 - Programme, target users, character, activities, community needs

Considering three options to test the feasibility

A - whole space being used as a library

B - some of the space being let out to a suitable use (co-location)

C - some of the space being let out to a suitable use *and* some of the library space being shared with other activities (e.g. arts / performance / small business / cafe)

Assessment matrix to help decide the best options: considers strategic and community fit, social value and financial viability

Thank you for listening. Any questions?

