

Response: Yes we do. Bromsgrove Library example resulted in a 37% increase in footfall.

Comment: Challenge re. the statement that it will be same library provision . The table in the published Cabinet report has nothing in for business, doe places.

Response: The table previously published shows purely the proposed space allocation within the Town Hall, to demonstrate that the overall square footage items or services which will be available on those floors. It is potentially misleading

Comment: How will the decision be made on moving archive material?

Response: We will make decisions based on recommendations from County Archivist and volunteers working in the basement. Some material will move to temperature-controlled rooms in the Hive. The rest is likely to remain in Redditch.

Comment: Concern over available space within Town Hall.

Comment: What is wrong with the library, we have been lied to about leaking roofs. Redditch is the second top library in Worcestershire in terms of usage. To move it down the road will lose footfall.

Comment: Clarification requested. We are being told on one hand that this location is high footfall and prime location, and on the other being told that the new location will increase footfall. Which is
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Response: Clarity provided Redditch Borough Council are talking about footfall for cafes / entertainment. We are talking about library footfall.

Supplementary comment: It is confusing to talk about the 2 things. This consultation is about the library.

Comment: If there is extra space in town hall, why not move JCP and other third sector services in?

Response: Redditch Borough Council Representative - we want to occupy all of the space in the town hall to accommodate 3rd sector organisatio

Comment: Process of consultation traced it back to Towns Fund, levelling up. Feels like this has already been decided. The money has already started to come over. How can we trust that this has not already been decided? Feels like there is more to it, money has already exchanged hands.

Response: Cllr Matt Dormer Economic experts we have worked with say we have to demolish the building to increase flow out of the Kingfisher Centre. 2 specialist companies consulted, and both came back with the same answer, this will encourage flow out of the shopping centre.

Comment: Bromsgrove increased footfall by moving into town, why would footfall increase by moving our library out of town?

Comment: Bus and railway are other side of town, other than that, people use the car parks.

Response: Cllr Marcus Hart Re