

1 **Barnet's libraries are changing**

Over the coming months you will notice some big changes to your local library services. These changes will make sure all 14 libraries stay open and continue to be at the heart of the community for many years delivering a modern 21st century library service.

Why are the changes taking place?

The council has to find £61.5 million of savings between now and 2020

Changes to the Library Service will contribute £2.2 million towards reducing the budget gap

The shape of the new service was agreed by the council in 2016, following a detailed review of the options and extensive consultation with residents

Our ongoing ambition is for libraries to continue to:

Help all children develop essential language, literacy and learning Skills

Provide residents with the skills to live independently

Bring people together

What's changing?

Increase to the total number of opening hours at 10 libraries (Core and Core Plus) using Self-Service Opening technology

Smaller libraries with more commercial space for hire/rent

Reduction in the number of staffed hours

Some changes to fees and charges

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East Barnet

A future Partnership library

East Barnet Library will be one of 4 Partnership libraries across the borough, which will be:

Offering a library service for a minimum of 15 hours per week

Managed by community-led organisations with support from the council

Remaining part of the Barnet library network so you can use your current library membership card

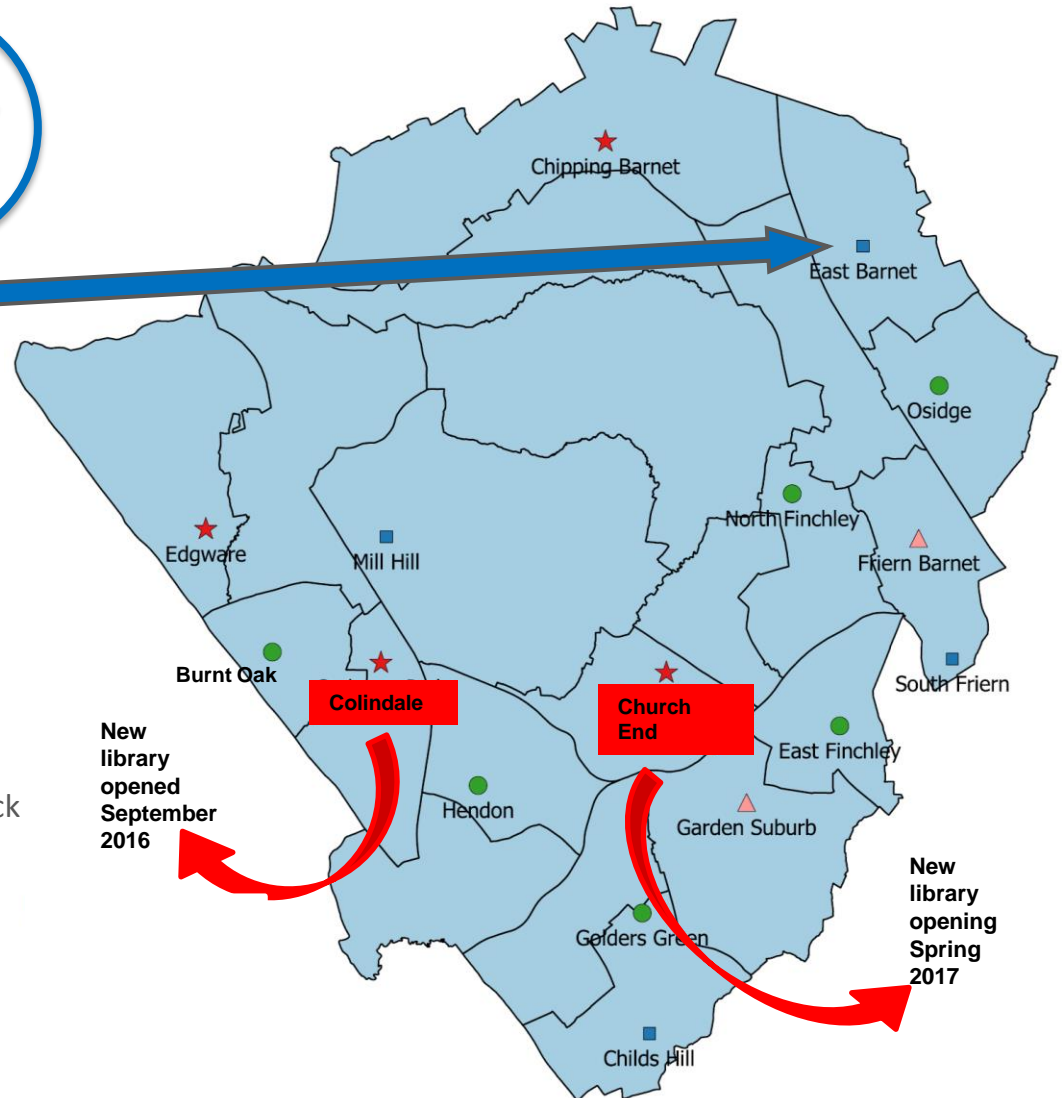
The partner organisation will work with the community to develop an offer that ensures the right mix of activities for their local area.

The council will announce which partners are selected, in December 2016, along with further details of the service that will be offered.

Library Service Offer



- ★ **Core Plus** libraries will offer an extensive selection of stock and services
- **Core** libraries will offer the most popular stock and services
- **Partnership** libraries will deliver a community-based library offer
- ▲ **Community** libraries offer services outside the Barnet Library Service



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Proposed changes at East Barnet Library

In addition to the changes to the service offered at East Barnet Library, there will be significant changes to the internal layout.

- The first floor will no longer be accessible by library users
- The structural stability of the external WC is being assessed, and following this any necessary works will be carried out.

To make these changes there will be periods of disruption and some temporary closure of the library.

We will try to notify library users in libraries and on our website at least 3 weeks before any temporary closure.

Indicative period of disruption

2 January – 25 February 2017