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<p>Really like the design, and the way it now opens out to the river. Its an appropriate scale for the site, lots of natural light. It looks like a 'calm place' to read, meet, study etc , and as you say in the Concept doc retains the best elements of the old building.</p> <p>Re-Siting the cafe with indoor and outdoor flow a good move. Much more visual appeal looking out to the park like lawn and river, also a sunnier aspect.</p>	<p>Big improvement on current, and links to the river with viewing points and landing nice additions.</p> <p>Particularly like the way the end of the "Road to Nowhere" ie the end of Hunter terrace reverts to a much nicer shared path, with more grass and plantings.</p>
<p>Love the foyer and atrium with glazing and views to trees and river. Love all the quiet spaces.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the toilets unisex?? Hope not. 2. Solar panels on appropriate roof spaces 3. Please make sure door to children's toilets etc, close automatically. Don't want to see or hear that area while I'm having coffee. :) <p>Please make sure that the cafe has top grade sound baffling; on walls and ceilings.</p>	<p>Please retain all trees and especially protect them while construction is taking place. Plant more trees Please. :)</p>
<p>Wow we are very impressed with this design. We love that it opens up the library to the community and will add so much interaction with the Green space. Plus it looks gorgeous. Can't wait for this new building to be completed.</p>	<p>It will be so nice to have that layout of the outdoor space and new pathways. People love enjoying that green space but right now it is basically the back of the building. We can't wait for it to be opened up in this new design. Looks so great!</p>
<p>courtyard will be well used and love that it all faces the river. It feels peaceful.</p>	<p>The outdoor play spaces look amazing. It is lovely to see the space integrating play into the area as a whole. It would be great to see an outdoor circle area for story times and music. Love the fish areas and bridges too.</p>
<p>The roof popups are fantastic, their lantern effect at night will really contribute to the placemaking. I think the architects have done a great job of listening to, and distilling the feedback into a coherent yet interesting building.</p>	<p>Excellent balance of the many factors at play. Permeable paving instead of the large asphalt areas in carpark would be ideal.</p>
<p>Looks great, though the quiet study space seems undersized given that there are quite a few well-used quite nooks in the current library that are not in this plan.</p>	
<p>This looks like a well thought out and sympathetic approach to replacing a building that has been; and still is, of great importance to Christchurch. I think with most of the city having gone through the rebuild, perhaps it is time that our civic buildings move with the times as well. The proposed building will have gone through numerous iterations during many meetings with the community and end users/workers which will ultimately shape a well laid out plan suited for those who intend to use it.</p>	<p>The landscape plan should be adequate for the project. the setting is essentially a tweaking of the current scheme which is done to suit the proposed building and current building codes. I'm not sure that it needs tweaking and should be really nice if it is done.</p>
	<p>We also need to upgrade to the Colombo Street crossing, making it safer for pedestrians and bike riders. At the moment the refuge is too small and discourages people walking and cycling to the library. There is also a dirt track from the refuge leading into the library. The landscape design should consider making this a shared path.</p>
<p>Looks great - lets rebuild rather than try to fix, it makes sense in the long term</p>	<p>Great to integrate with the outdoor space and the river</p>
<p>Looks great, can't wait to see another new beautiful building for public in Christchurch! Good work!</p>	<p>Natural and open, love it!</p>
<p>What a wonderful concept for South Christchurch . This community linking concept and strikingly aesthetic design incorporates both the area's natural features and a strong vision for the future of Christchurch South. Wise investing with foresight saves money in the long term. Conversely, the idea of investing money into repairs on a building which will not meet future functional purpose seems a waste. I back the new design wholeheartedly!! The additional meeting rooms will fut-il increasing commuity needs and light airy spaces very inviting.</p>	<p>The flow between spaces works well between indoor and outdoor sndoprn and more sheltered areas. The trees soften the buildings lines and provide harmony between natural and constructed surfaces.</p>
<p>The new design looks really good, I love the use of light colours roofing. I'm wondering if there is any way to incorporate a green/garden roof to this design?</p>	<p>10/10 on the learn to ride space and the incorporation of the awa nearby. Wouldn't change the outdoor space concept.</p>

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<p>Great reuse of the building foot print and providing a new lease of life to the building. Think the pop ups are a great addition and will provide much needed light into the interiors, which is often blocked by the large trees around the site. Looks very open and welcoming. One of the issues with the existing building was that the Colombo st side felt like the service area, this design seems to create an active facade to this side.</p>	<p>Great opportunity to integrate the cycle network linking Centaurus road up to the Colombo St side and eventually up to Strickland St. The design seems to integrate well into the landscape, think the sloping areas and blending of landscape and architecture are great. Cafe seems to be well placed on the sunnier side of the site and in view of all of the surrounding activities. Think there are good amount of landscape features that will activate this space around the building. Really like the way alot of the area is revegetated rather than just mown lawn. Connection to the river is also great, currently lacking in this area. Think the landscape around the base of the building will soften this base edge, which is great.</p>
<p>Beautiful resolved design, good scale and proportions of interior spaces. Great connection to the park and river. Undercovered exterior areas for rainy days would be a plus, I'm it's been considered by the designers.</p>	<p>CCC should consider landscape design of the adjacent park to accommodate integrated playground (maybe a water feature) with the library, as well as suitable ground surface for the market. Bike parking, outdoor seating for the market would be great for people of all ages.</p>
<p>It is really good but wondering why the only toilets near the meeting space are staff toilets - or have I misread that? My group have in the past used the small meeting rooms but I don't see any of those now. I do like the big space but...</p>	<p>Good idea moving the cafe and creating that extra outdoor space. Needs a bit more outdoor seating eg. around the big tree.</p>
<p>You've missed correctly labelling the spaces on P4. See cafe, childrens space, etc. Shows how hastily this has been put together. The combined staff workroom is presumably due to lack of space: it is pointless to combine staffs with such differing goals and needs.</p> <p>The exterior is designed for looks, not utility.</p> <p>Why are EV's given priority parking near the entrance? And to whom is the other priority parking designated?</p> <p>Exit to Colombo St should be maintained, even if it makes the Library frontage less architecturally dramatic.</p> <p>Similarly, substituting usable interior space for the Courtyard might not please the architect, but would be more appreciated by library customers.</p> <p>Why is there no exterior access to the storage space?</p> <p>The WC appears to be M/F shared space. If so, it's inadequate.</p> <p>There is no mention of the acoustic design, which is the best feature of the current library. It allows a level of children's activity and adult conversation throughout the library without interfering with other patri</p>	<p>What's a 'Fish sawning area'? Yet another indication of haste.</p> <p>Will cycles be banned from the pathways? They are too narrow to be shared.</p> <p>The outdoor areas are a good feature of the concept.</p>

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	<p>The design looks good but the extent of the project has been limited such that the associated areas are excluded from the project. This limitation of scope means that the new build and landscape connections will be diminished, because the old road will still be there and the pipe yards will not be completed as a greenspace as part of the project - unless it will be completed at the same time as part of another project. Car parking for staff and library users is too limited and the extension of the car park into the pipeyards site is needed.</p> <p>The images produced are somewhat misleading because they depict changes in areas that are not in the scope of the project.</p> <p>The design has not identified how it has addressed and complied with the Heathcote Linear Park Masterplan. That plan (including previously approved plans) indicated a wetland to the east of the building which has been partly built and is currently located next to the carpark - is this to be removed? The design should look more specifically at the requirements of the masterplan.</p> <p>The main vehicle, cycling and ped access issue has not been addressed by the design - there needs to be lights installed to allow for safe egress for traffic, cyclists and peds across Colombo St.</p>
<p>Overall, it looks pretty good. I'm wondering where truck traffic/unloading is planned, for things like interlibrary transport, food service delivery, maintenance, and cleaners. Also, how will books be controlled in/out of cafe? Will there be sensor gates by the cafe entrance so that only issued books will be allowed in the cafe? I support the separation of the cafe from the general library, as it can get a bit noisy with groups/young families. I certainly contributed to that when I used to take my daughter to the cafe after story time!</p>	<p>Grounds in general look good</p>
<p>Please ensure more car parking- there is no parking on Tuesday mornings or Sunday mornings with the market. Please provide adequate uni-sex toilets. We would like to see amphitheatre seating outside Xmas carols, Storytimes, concerts etc</p>	<p>Would be lovely to connect with the river and to sit outside in the cafe</p>
<p>The reuse of the concrete slab is interesting - that will save landfill and perhaps carbon emissions - but that there is new concrete - 500mm of it - is still concerning. It might be more effective to remove the concrete, sequester the existing concrete, and then pile the foundation without new concrete.</p> <p>So I call the concrete slab reuse greenwashing. That the reuse of the slab then enforces the re-use of the existing footprint has been acknowledged as a benefit. But the long footprint is not compact and is not energy efficient. All that glass with low insulation value means that this will be a high energy use building - mainly heating in winter.</p> <p>The roof things - as they emit light they will also be hard to insulate and so a drain in energy. It would be better to do your signalling with reflected light from well insulated surfaces - than shining light through low insulated roof windows.</p> <p>I see no mention of the reuse of all the stone cladding - this is disappointing. The stone is dry fixed... it could be readily removed, stored, and reinstated. It is a nice material that should not be junked - perhaps it will be resold - but why not just keep it on site and remove the need for carbon emissions in transporting it around?</p> <p>There is a lot of extraneous structure - those sweeping curve things - obviously made of steel. This is carbon intensive for no purpose. They're also not particularly attractive, they're unnecessary - and frankly smack of student level thinking about design. Junk them.</p>	<p>Consider permeable paving - there is a lot of hard concrete that will need to be drained away.</p> <p>I also wonder why the covered cycle parks are not connected to the main building - seems like an after thought. There also seems an opportunity for there to be a cycle community hub located here as well - a place for the community to fix bikes.</p>

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<p>All the restrictions imposed by the bogus reuse of the concrete slab - that restrict planning, means that you're replacing a steel building with another steel building, but different steel. This is not very good. Steel is carbon intensive - it is cold and sterile. It is very likely the designers will also span the steel from inside to outside thus creating cold bridging. These are routes for heat to leak through the structure - or cold - this causes heat loss and condensation issues within structure. Condensation means resilience and durability issues with structures.</p> <p>I'm not very impressed with this design - the planning works well within the constraints of the reuse of the footprint - but that is the only plus. By limiting the footprint the design is poorly thought out in environmental terms.</p> <p>I see any assurances by the designer that this is an environmentally sound design as greenwashing and wishful thinking at best... at worst it is ignorance how buildings should be built.</p> <p>A better design would be to pile the site with a compact footprint - you can even keep existing concrete slab. Then suspend an insulated timber slab over it. The piles might be screw piles or driven treated timber piles. With a fit for purpose compact footprint the planning can be less linear - spaces can be clustered around the book collection and not along it.</p> <p>For structure I would ditch the carbon intensive steel and use mass timber. This is warm and attractive. People hug timber columns - they'd never do that to steel posts. The building would then be a source of carbon sequestration and not an emitter. The structure would be more resilient as the building will move in any earthquake and not be rigid like a concrete and steel structure... hey there's a thought. Why rebuild the same failed structural model?</p> <p>I would reduce the amount of glazing - and be very careful how the orientation of any roof glazing addresses the sun. (The proposed design strangely points in all directions when the sun's path is defined in one direction). Libraries need light, but not at the expense of a lot of heating and cooling - there are few passive solar elements shown in the current design.</p> <p>Frankly I'm disappointed. This is not a world class design, and is not contemporary in having a clear understanding of embedded carbon, and energy efficiency - protestations of the designers to the contrary.</p>	
<p>To what extent is the local environment reflected in the plan and aesthetics? Shape, texture, layout, exterior and interior materials? How is this visibly connected to mana whenua/Kāi Tahu? It looks like it could be anywhere in the world - it needs to look like it belongs here in Aotearoa, connected to our hapū.</p>	<p>Love the thoughtful connection to the awa. Some pānui about the awa, mahika kai, species and history would be ideal.</p>
<p>Love it! Great to see the connection with the market.</p>	<p>Could use some better kids playground there?</p>
<p>Nice arrangement of interior spaces, building has better connection with river and surrounds than current building.</p>	<p>Nice variety of outdoor spaces. Overhead cover is important for shielding from wind and rain</p>
<p>Repair the existing building it is a beautiful looking building that we have there now and works fine!</p>	<p>The existing outdoor space is working fine, so no need for any changes.</p>

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<p>The general design and layout works well and will be better for using the services within the library itself. Moving the cafe to the new position is a much better use of the space. It will be important to ensure equitable WC access - for disabled, parents etc and ensure these use minimum water and movement sensor lights to save energy. It would be good to understand more about the materials used in the build, their environmental footprint (including externalities), whether the building will be properly insulated and have double/triple glazing and energy saving lights to future proof the building environmentally.</p> <p>Although it is understood the building needs earthquake strengthening work, the environmental externalities of pulling down a building and rebuilding with new material (especially high CO2 concrete and steel) should have been considered as part of the design and strengthening process.</p> <p>Also the loss of the most popular library in Christchurch to the community. Is there a way to do a progressive build and have sections of the library open at a time in order for locals to continue to utilise the space and not lose the connection in the community and potentially lose the habit of visiting the library altogether?</p> <p>Will there be investment in solar roof panels to be used to help power the building or in the least make the roof a roof garden to encourage insects and therefore birds to the area minimising harmful chemicals running off into the waterways from a zinc roof?</p>	<p>The landscape plan is ok. It is not revolutionary nor exciting. It is functional. Maximising native planting and reducing potential harmful run off from the building into the water ways will be important. Including water butts on the building that can be used to capture rain water to use for watering the gardens would be a good thing to include.</p> <p>I would question the amount of grass area being left - it is hardly used now so would be better to be planted with small flowering natives that attract insects and birdlife. There are also not enough cycle parks provided and too many carparks which continue to encourage car culture in the city.</p> <p>Covered areas outside for dogs to be tied up while they wait for their owners would also be good. It is very hot in the summer and not nice for dogs to wait in the heat. More covers in public spaces or mature native trees would be good to provide vital shade from the NZ sun. There are no shades currently in the design on the outdoor space.</p> <p>Are the pavements porous to ensure rain water soaks through and minimal water (and particles) run off into storm water drains?</p>
<p>Seems to work well very similar to current one</p> <p>I don't see the need for the large architectural ring surrounding the building I believe this will affect the usefulness of the external space.</p> <p>Having the cafe that position seems good. Will a fenced outdoor kids area be available, as young kids can run off.</p>	<p>There should be sufficient lockable parking for scooters and kids bikes. The two outdoor decks noted as 11 seem redundant as they won't get much use as they will be in the shade for a significant portion of the time and could be reduced.</p>
<p>Beautiful design, like the lines surrounding tree and the whole entrance courtyard. Love that the cafe is at the end of building corner overlooking outside. Why is young adult moved to a special corner? Overall is this creating more space to sit and walk around the collection and search the catalogue. Could we not build up? Will this really cater for future growth...</p>	<p>Can you add roof for sun and rain protection over the bike parking area please.</p>
<p>I couldn't see a parents room on the plan. There is one in the current library and it is very useful.</p> <p>Please consider making part of the deck which adjoins the children's area and cafe an outdoor play area. It should be fenced from the café outdoor seating to prevent small children from running off. Access from both sides (café and library) would be ideal. The current outdoor play area is well used and it would be a shame to lose it.</p>	<p>Will there be secure bike parking? Secure parking for kids scooters would be brilliant as well.</p> <p>I like that there is more outdoor access from various points around the building, and that the cafe is on the river side</p>
<p>Love the design! Looks like you'd have a great view out onto the river from the library.</p>	<p>Looks very versatile, perfect for community markets etc.</p>
<p>My concern is that many modern buildings now have LED lighting with kelvin (colour temperature) ratings that emit painful glare for people with migraines, post concussion syndrome, PTSD, and some common autoimmune conditions. Please do not incorporate any spotlights (which are often more painful) or any lighting above 2700K. Many people use 4000K lights which are very painful for those of us who are light-disabled. Thanks :)</p>	<p>As above, if any outdoor lighting is used please shield it properly and don't use colour temperatures above 2700K (this relates to being kind to our eyes and also not contributing to light pollution). Thanks :)</p>

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<p>I am delighted to see the building will not be a leaning-over monstrosity, which wastes precious floor area and looks awful. It seems that it will be an attractive and functional building. However, as a longtime library user of libraries around the world (and having had an art conservator girlfriend in London in my early days) I recommend that you display art, especially emerging new NZ artists (ask the Fine Arts Schools for help?) and that it is displayed in an environment that won't damage it. Direct sunlight is slow death to paintings. Sunlight is also bad for people trying to do serious work on computers. The wind is also a major factor in New Zealand. Our prevailing wind in Christchurch is the Beastly Easterly, so will you provide adequate shelter for the children's play areas and the outside seating areas for the cafe? I have long advocated the general educational function of libraries. This means more than the provision of books, magazines, and computers. How about a butterfly garden to encourage our native (Admirals, coppers) and not-so-native butterflies (Monarchs)? And a teaching garden of native plants with name tags and a brief description of their autecology? Groups could form to help look after these. Ecology displays, such as the bugs in the forest? Now for a forlorn hope. I love libraries of record. I don't expect you to be one, but please don't throw books out just because they are old. For example, copies of Wilkie Collins are essential if High School students (and others) want to study the development of a particular genre of novel in English. His books are also good to read. I looked up Transactional Cost Economics, an extremely important theory in Economics, but you don't have a single general account. You do have a report on the transactional cost analysis of NZ energy done by a Ministry, but it is useless without a knowledge of what Transactional Cost Economics actually is! The method has both weaknesses and strengths and without a knowledge of these, you cannot assess the merit of analyses based on this approach. The thread of a subject is all important. The modern technique of a "once-over-lightly" account is dangerous as it gives words without wisdom. People aren't dumb, but it seems at times as if there are agencies that try to make them dumb for nefarious reasons. Please don't be such an agency.</p>	
<p>It does look quite cool, I'm not sure what the protruding curved roof structure on either side(east and west) is for, as it appears there is no roof over the pathway there connected to it so I'm unsure of the point? Is it just for the curved look so there's less angles, an architectural idea?</p> <p>I regularly take my 1 and 3 yr old to the South Library and the parenting room there is very good, especially with the little toilet for my daughter who was toilet training and cold easily get on and off etc, maybe the new parenting room could have one of those small toilets and then a regular size toilet for the Dads or Mums that go in there as well? The whole building looks quite good, although as a whole I don't see the immediate need for a new library, as nice as it would be, the current one is fine and surely that money, what is it \$25M, could be used elsewhere?</p>	<p>I like it, the playground idea and nature area, there is a lot of unused space there on that lawn towards the river there.</p>
<p>The basic layout looks great. I love the cafe moving to the East end overlooking all the green space, and having the kids area nearby. It seems strange to have the young adults section and makerspaces so far from the kids. And why a flat roof? It seems an invitation for future waterproofing issues.</p>	<p>Overall it looks fantastic, I think it makes much better use of the beautiful site. However the desire lines for the North Arrival on to the potential future shared path seem wrong- people are bound to cut the corners. The cycle parking at the West end could be better located- for example if it was just outside the space marked for young adults it could be under cover, and also further from the road so less inviting for opportunistic bike thieves. Same at the East end- if the cycleparking were located between the cafe and the A/H access it would also be under cover?</p>
<p>Where is the cafe</p>	
<p>Great design just make sure it can be proper maintained,not like the previously ☺</p>	<p>Do not remove any of the mature trees !!</p>

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<p>Thanks for the opportunity to feedback on this concept design.</p> <p>My feedback on the building design is that I would love to have seen more community meeting space/bookable rooms, and of a bigger size. The rooms at Turanga are either too small or too big for meetings I wish to hold. The current rooms at South Library are the right size, but not particularly nice rooms to be in for the day. I'm looking for naturally lit rooms that can comfortably hold 10 - 12 people for a meeting. Across the city it is almost impossible to find rooms of this size that don't charge corporate rates.</p> <p>Things I like about the design is shifting the cafe for a connection to the market, and moving the entranceway.</p>	<p>I love the idea of a better connection to the river, so thanks for including that. My comment is specifically about the carpark. I couldn't tell from the designs whether there was a redesign of the intersection of the carpark outside the current front door. If not, could it be? Reason being is when you leave the carpark, the way the planting is to your left, it currently obscures your visibility of small cars coming along from the left. A few near misses have resulted! I think a realignment of this intersection is important.</p>
	<p>The car exit from South Library on to Columbo Street is one cars wide. If the car in front is turnig right to head North all the traffic behind that car has to wait until the road is clear going South and North before the lead car can cross Columbo Street.</p> <p>Please consider making the car exit two cars wide so cars travelling South can turn left if Columbo Street is clear.</p>
<p>Looks great. Nicely integrated. Don't think anything has been missed.</p>	<p>Nice - can't wait to see it in the real.</p>
<p>My immediate thought was about how wet disabled library users who drive themselves may get between priority parking and the entrance. The integration with the site etc looks great.</p>	
<p>Looking great but 2 points of feedback. 1. Don't like the ring structure around that beautiful tree. let it speak for itself. Save the money. 2. Please have 2-3 spaces to be enable a car or 3 to pull over in a drop off zone to drop off elderly, disabled when raining and books. Looks like you will block off entry if stop.</p>	<p>Love the quick exit if dropping off books or person instead of having to do the whole loop</p>
<p>I wonder if the person who wrote the Newsline publicity knows anything about the design of the existing building. All the previous design and consultation information is archived by the Library and can be searched. The statement that the building can be 'much greener and more energy efficient' ignores the careful embodied energy considerations at the time, the connection to the city water main for heat source (only the Pioneer swimming pool & now demolished Centennial pool have similar connections), the ceiling mounted cooling systems, auto window controls for passive ventilation and the heat sink wall mass on the northern wall. Water from the roof goes to a rain garden before disposal to the river. It is really good to see the good features retained. Combining services is a great idea, it was policy at the time to keep them separate!</p>	<p>It was the siting of the library (thankfully retained) that led to closing Hunter Terrace (yes back in 2003) and creation of the new road on the South side of the library. Although not credited as part of the original design, these features, the decks and cafe are retained. This was the first "Sustainable" design project undertaken by the City Council and attracted some contestable funding for its energy conservation features. Good to see position on site retained.</p>
	<p>what's this "activate the riverbank" nonsense? Will it get up and dance or something?</p>
<p>I really like the idea of integrating the river in the concept. I feel it's important to have enough quiet reading spaces where people can just sit and read for an hour or two. It would be nice to have an outdoor space that can be used for reading like a fenced off deck or similar other than the cafe.</p> <p>What I would really like to see would be some state of the art building design that is climate neutral or even climate positive such as a passive house design with a green roof. Wouldn't this be amazing to be probably the first public building in NZ with a green roof? It's cooling in summer and comes with other benefits. Over the livetime of the building costs for solar panels and/or a green roof will level out.</p> <p>https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/federal-highperformance-green-buildings/resource-library/integrative-strategies/green-roofs</p>	<p>I really like the idea of integrating the river in the concept. Including plenty of bike stands would be great. Currently you can't cycle to the bikestands as there is a step so you need to get off and lift your bike. Little things like that make it convenient (or not).</p>
<p>Fantastic, love the connection to the sites natural environment.</p>	<p>Really nice, good to see activation and the design intent for kids as well.</p>

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I be cool to see more concept drawings of the library component inside. Lovely light and spacious design overall. Nice!	Integrates inside/out flow well it seems.
Kids area needs to have immediate access to a fenced outdoor play area for kids. Play area doesn't need to be big or extensive. Simple elements: stone garden good, hide and seek bushes, climbing activities. This works really well currently and should be preserved. Kids get to be loud, play etc while parents pick through books in silence ;-). WC facilities look small? Ensure good parents bathroom (existing is good).	Add in fruiting trees (stone fruit, apples etc) to grassed areas or native planting areas to enhance amenity.
The concept plans indicate a low and respectful building profile that references the existing Library, and should be well-accepted by the local community. All the links to the existing building (footprint, backbone functions) are sensible and the ability of the cafe to operate independently of the Library should be a useful strategy.	The clever and logical planning makes full use of the location, including associated uses of the site. I think the proposed building and its outdoor spaces will be splendid.
<p>Note: Hi. I'm writing this personal submission though I work in disability advocacy from a public health perspective for Te Whatu Ora Waitaha. I'm a member of the Council Disability Advisory Group. Regards, Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir</p> <p>I am concerned that the design of this beautiful facility, and the surrounding area, will provide flaw-free disabled access. No information on this aspect has been provided to the public, which I believe should be. ie if the Council has engaged an Accessible/Universal design professional, it would be good to mention this. Ideally, this function is independent to the designer, at least for peer review, and then the Council can ensure the design meets best practice. Based on what has been shown on the website, I offer the following questions for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * given that the building will be raised by half a metre, are all the ramps gently sloping? One of the final drawings shows what appears to be a steep and narrow entry into the building from the outside. * will all public doorways be automatic operating? One of the foyer to courtyard drawings shows regular doors. I presume auto doors require a bit more space? * the toilet room detail is not really visible. Usually providing all unisex, accessible toilets is best. As is positioning toilet rooms so they are easy to reach (ie not at the end of a long corridor). NZS4121 toilet room space standards are out of date and minimal and exclude some people in motorised wheelchairs and mobility scooters, so taking advice in this area is important. Also please keep toilet rooms and baby changing room separate. * will there be provisions to ensure the cafe will be easily accessible for people with mobility impairments (and/or prams). * and that fittings layout enables good circulation throughout the facility. * the information mentions signage, and it is good to consider this at this stage. Wayfinding is an important issue for many - imagine how terrible it is to be 'lost'. Please ensure it meets best practice for legibility, colour contrast, use of images etc. This is a specialist area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Please use the 'Accessible Journey' approach to assess the design, which starts with arrival at the site (by car, bus, cycle or walking). Are all of these as easy as possible? Does exterior signage work for everyone? As a visitor to the market last year, there was no access to the market for a wheelchair user!!! Hopefully this has been fixed and will be a key feature of the new design - level pathways from the library to the market (ie no steps/curbs, no concrete blocking the entry). * The grassed area is a great feature, and it looks like there is some paving through it to enable more people to access it. There could be careful placement, for example of accessible picnic tables on a hard surface that could be reached by the paved path. * Though this is likely well down the line, there are presently no depictions of Mobility Car Parks or tactile markers at crossings (nor of any disabled people). Including these gives some assurance that this population is being considered in the design process. There are lots of older people who use this facility, and families. You have signalled involvement with Maori in your process, which is excellent, just suggesting it goes wider.
? Cafe exposed to Easterly rather than sheltered NW, ? Big separation of children & busy adults	Like the removal of the northern road and the new landing
Really like the expanse of the white steel floating? surround.	Yes, seems practical and easy access. Like the Cafe opening to river end. Will it be open Sunday mornings re market days?
What's wrong with the old plan? How much has been spent reinventing the wheel?	Nil
I think you should add a game area with board games and stuff like that and there should be access cards so you can get in. I like the cafe	I like it :)
The cafe & children's space faces east which will be darker & colder in the afternoons. Is it weird having the young adults space tucked in far corner?	Like the path and 2 entries

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Love that the kids, teens and quiet study areas have some separation. Great idea to connect the building with river. Any solar power?	Yay to rain garden - can it be soft landscape style so demos something that can be installed at home? What about reinstating rainwater flush toilet like before? more bike parking near the market please. Permeable paving?
GREAT FOR THE SITE	
Outdoor seating and tables? Make them out of broken China etc	Where will the installations by Graham Bennett be put?
Have always liked the present building. The new design looks good too.	OK
Make sure the sofas and chairs are a good height for us oldies to get in and out of.	
That design doesn't look as big as the existing building? Like the café that gets used heaps isn't no where near as big as the existing one and needs to be, as its full a lot of the time and cant get a seat, looks to be a lot of cafe outdoor area that has limited use with ch ch climate ... and I see bike parking by the front door is taking up a bay where its car parks are now .. there is plenty of room for bike parks without taking car parks as I have never notice many bikes there and I see it looks like they got a row of EV car parks ...I don't like this separation of parking we are all cars and they can charge at home or at a charging station ... as parking is already tight most of the time as most of the people and the demographics travel by car	
I put in my comments re this yesterday but I see I got it wrong re the bike stands taking up car parks out the front .. I see at the library a larger version of the plan and they are not taking car parks like I thought .. but it says covered stands .. what surely not !! why would we be wasting money on covered bike stands !!	
I like that Ignite are planning to put a new slab on the old slab and build up, keeping what works and changing what doesn't. I like that they are making it possible for people to work together rather than the tendency for being separated in the old style. The architectural plans are very exciting, not only because of their aesthetic sensibilities but because they sensitively being people and the natural world, including the farmers market together. There is a strong feel good factor and it is inclusive for all.	These paths have been sensitively thought through to connect different aspects of individual and collective lives; social, learning, the celebration of natural food, reflection, rest, work and all of this with the natural world as the backdrop.I like this design very much and think it will lift the spirits of many.
I like the incorporation of natural light into the design of the main building.	The outdoor areas look to be one of the major assets, capitalising on the unique natural environment and location that makes up the setting for this community asset. With good indoor/outdoor flow, and other outdoor landscaping elements to encourage the usability of the outdoor space, the outdoor area of this library will give users an opportunity to spend more time in green areas - proven to be good for mental health.
Childrens area too small, teens area too far away. Cafe in wrong place for patronage.	a work in progress
	It looks to me like the outdoor coffee area is going to get the full force of our predominant North East Wind which is bitterly cold!!!
I think it looks good, but I think it needs a children's outdoor play area.	Sheltered walkways Teddy age 7
A waste of money - current building is adequate. A "nice to have" not a "must have".	
I really like the current YA set up. When I come in it feels nice and enclosed. From looking at the future plan it looks very open & sandwiched between adults.	Anything that opens out to the river looks good.
"Step out of car into water" Please take care of outdoor parking where water lying is a big problem!	Whole concept looks very exciting, look forward to new outlooks!!
The activities for kids are great.	Playground needs to be much better.
Ground floorplan #3 doesn't match with eatery area view #11!	Please get things sorted before construction starts - one bad design like the current Lib Sth is shocking enough :(

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I like the proposed internal layout - much more efficient and study/quiet spaces appreciated.	May alter in practice but useful concept. Danger to small children near river?
The new design for south Libraries new build seems like a wonderful addition to the area. the warm and spaces design will be absorbed into the surroundings.	supporting natives and removing none natives will speak for itself and will make this area to a magical place.
<p>I am disappointed the the proposed design. My main concern is that it looks too modernist. It does not resonate any vernacular qualities nor does it seem to flow well with the surrounded area except for the curved exterior to resonate with the river. This building looks like it would fit better near a Miami or Los Angeles beach that in local Christchurch community. It does not radiate any natural qualities and it feels to 'metallic'. Evidently it lacks timber and lots of it. There are several good examples of great educational and civic architecture namely Kahukura (Ara Institute of Canterbury) and Turanga. Understandably, this is a much smaller budget, yet design philosophy should follow those buildings. Also, it should be, at least partially a two storey building. Too many buildings in Christchurch are one storey buildings. Second storey could provide great study rooms.</p> <p>I would strongly urge to reconsider the design.</p>	Landscape plan works better than building design. I think there should be a larger paved area around the building to invite the local community and provide a meeting space as well as activity space for locals.
It looks cool and I like that the river is part of it and I'd hang out here. I go to south intermediate and we come here all the time after school and sometimes weekends and I would meet my friends here to read comics and maybe hang on that bank too	I like the playing bank! It looks fun to hang out in. The youth and creator rooms are epic
I am 11 and I think it looks really fun. It will be cool to sit in the sunshine there. I like the way the cafe is moved.	I think it looks fun and I think my little sister will have fun too. The playground right now is really lame but I like this looks different And fun
I really like how it looks to the river and there are lots of places to sit and enjoy the sun and the view, It is really beautiful. I showed a friend who has worked in libraries overseas and she said its one of the best designs she's ever come across.	The fact that the space is open for children is amazing. It looks like a place I would want to spend a day. I appreciate the flow from inside to out and how there is ample space for families to set up and explore. This is how a modern library should be - I bet this will be well used
Childrens area next to cafe, outside play area. Would love no kids play computer!	Would like plenty of play areas for kids as well as bike/walkways away from traffic.
I like the outside courtyard and the cafe moved to the other end so you can sit outside. The play area near the cafe work well too.	I don't see why EV cars should have priority, if anything they don't pollute the air so they can drive further! Anyway, first come first served. The quiet room could be quite noise with kids being outside in the courtyard area.
Bike parking is awesome - please make it covered. Love the courtyard & location of cafe. Make sure to encourage young adults through events makes space etc. Libraries currently feel more catered to children which is awesome but don't forget young people!	Will be awesome with shared path in future - a real destination for community. Please go ahead with plan and don't dilute it due to budget. It will pay off in the end (heart sign drawn) Concern about quiet space by courtyard - too loud?
The design looks great!! I'm loving the inclusivity of the farmers market and it is very aesthetically pleasing.	Love it!! Great to see planners considering the environment more often Great work!!
All good apart from the "return and collect" truck access. Will be very hard to park at right angles without blocking the car park. I can't see how the truck could. Do a three-point turn and park there without vehicles either side of it	Apart from that all good. Landscape plan, please plant Kahikatea and totora along the river corridor.
Please allow solar panels on best sun places on roof - long term benefits. A Māori and English name. Add come colour to the outside of building.	Any chance of also asking "Boffa Mikell" to plant lots of native trees and shrubs flowering for insect/bees. Great work/Thank you.
<p>I'm really hopeful there will be enough toilets in this facility as this is currently an issue.</p> <p>The entrance way is very problematic as it is a wind tunnel and the leaves all blow in. It would be great to see an innovative solution to address this.</p> <p>It would be lovely to have more comfortable couches for families to use.</p>	Looks great
<p>Notice board for days functions - name, time, room.</p> <p>I'm thinking of U3A interest groups</p>	Old cafe name still at east end walkway NOVEL

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Will the new building have solar panels?	
It's cool :)	
I wasn't sure if you are already planning for solar power - please include solar panels.	
Its good	Cool
There must be quietness around the computer area. It would be good to separate "gamers" and those who play games.	Dogs to be excluded from the library grounds.
Is it big enough with the high-density living plans to cope with a major increase in population in the area??	Please, please, please put in a decent playground for the kids.
Please incorporate a postal agency (as at Papanui Library) now Beckenham has lost Hardings Chemist's agency. Post boxes would be great :)	
Please design the cafe and kids area together. Please design quiet areas like the old days.	
I like the design.	
I like that children's area is close to the cafe, that will make it work well (I see me enjoying a coffee while the kids look at books!)	We love the connection to outdoor spaces and nature - so good for wellbeing. This will be a space our whole family looks forward to spending time. An exploratory play area is something our kids will love.
Needs a glass wall between children's library and the rest of it.	
Flat roofs are dangerous. They are much more prone to leak than sloped roofs, they are also much more prone to failure due to excessive snow loads.	The outdoor space looks great. Please keep space for the Sunday morning market.
Flat roofs leak, you also have an edge around the roof which means it will fill like a swimming pool.	Landscape design looks good.
This current library works very well for us, street supports and all.	We do not have to rebuild. We as well as council have to live within our means in this difficult economic environment.
JUST DO IT!	
I like the idea facing out to a deck. Nice space for books and browsing.	
Great!	
Looks great. Don't take too long to build it!	
having the kids area away from the young adult section is a bit annoying. people have children of different ages & need to keep an eye on both. My 9-year-old reads from the young adult section. My 7-year-old will be in the kids section. Gender neutral toilets?	It looks great, as long as the pathways are accessible for everyone.
You missed the clothes pegs to hang out the washing on the expensive and weird metal bar (circled on other side) Can you expand the footprint for more study space instead.	I think it is over thought! The coat hanger/clothesline effect is costly and unnecessary - try a better structural beam/post!
Looks great - except with a growing population (especially with housing intensification), can we not make the library bigger?	More natives and sustainable urban drainage design
The flat roof will leak. What is that white ring-construction around the building? what purpose does it serve?	Landscape plan OK, but try not to plant too many bushes along the outlooks.
One of the worst things we can do for global warming is keep knocking down perfectly good buildings. This library is steel framed? I cannot believe it is too hard to earthquake proof it!	
Absolutely love that the cafe is finally next to the children's area. It makes so much sense and puts the two parts where people chatter together leaving the other end quiet. This is wonderful and so insightful to see. It also supports intergenerational library visits where children and grandparents can be together. This was a crucial change that many families support and are so happy to see	Lovely

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	I love the cafe being near the children's section and the way the river is connected to the landscaping.
I love the idea of having the children's area in the centre of the space. I want our library to be welcoming to our younger generations and make sure that a continued love for books is fostered. So important with the shift to a more digital age.	Outdoor spaces that are inviting for families and children would be fantastic. A mixed use space of landscaping that works for everyone.
Love that the children's area has been moved to more of a central location. This makes so much more sense that having children being tucked away 'out of sight'. Libraries need to be inviting for our younger generation.	Love the idea that outdoor areas lead off the children's area and cafe. Great for families.
Fantastic to see that the children's space is more central in the design. This is such an improvement on the current library layout. This will create such a lovely and welcoming vibe to the library.	I think it's great to have outdoor spaces accessible from the cafe and children's area. This will make it so much more family friendly and safe.
<p>Staff need a private toilet - ie one that is not shared with the toilet. Staff also need access to a private shower - this may be in a toilet. Especially looking to the future when we are going to be encouraged to cycle to work (since there are no parking places for staff) and may arrive at work sweaty and needing a shower before we start work. Staff currently have a shower in an accessible toilet for their use but there is no private toilet with a shower for staff on the new plan.</p> <p>The entrance to the building for the public looks different now and is a concern, it has gone back to the same kind of entrance we have now which is a problem for staff. Staff are cold in the winter, the wind blows through the doors. And with two entrances there a wind tunnel effect will happen. To say we will use air conditioning to counteract this seems wasteful when there are more practical things we can do. We can get the public to enter at an angle, change the plan to get the public to come in at an angle like in a previous iteration of the plan. The public will understand this easily. OR come up with a new solution, or a different plan that won't mean the doors opening directly onto staff standing there . Concerned about the new entrance doors which face the river and how that will compound the problem for staff.</p>	The landscaping ideas look beautiful. Lets make sure that cars are not prioritised over people and bikes. I don't see the need for a drop off zone right out side the entrance - if people need priority parking for disabilities etc this is available in parking spaces nearby. I would rather see this made into a disabled parking space, not a spot for parents to drop off and pick up kids. We should be encouraging public transport not cars. No need for drop off car park spaces or zones at all.
Cafe close to childrens makes sense! Entrance way looks like it will still be cold?	Looks great - perhaps some more elements of wayfinding incorporated into the landscape? Confusing to find you way in in this current build
I think this looks brilliant and am so excited for it to be built! It caters so well for all people in the community and I particularly like the flow into the outside with areas for play.	I love this. It means people can come to the library, get some books, have a coffee, sit outside and watch the kids play, it's really lovely and utilises a way under-utilised space
Children's intergration & green spaces looks great.	Love the play area & green space
Love this design, really love the kids areas.	Clear, concise & easy to follow.
Love the use of the environment, with the play space looking out to the river. Also having toilets near the children's area is excellent as it can be tricky with the current south lib layout, when you have more than one child!	It looks great!
It's great how the cafe is near the childrens end. Parents spend alot of time in libraries and having the cafe nearby really works.	Love the outdoor area for cafe and children.
<p>I love it. I like the curved shape of the building and the interaction with the river. I'd like to see space in the library for temporary exhibitions showcasing local community groups etc.</p> <p>My kids are older now but when they were little I really appreciated that fenced little playground in the current library. I know fences interfere with the natural open look but they are also really useful for little ones. Could a fenced outdoor space be incorporated into the design but be designed cleverly so it looks open and natural. A challenge for the architects!</p>	Yes i like it. I'm keen for a cycleway to connect to the cycleway along Cashmere Rd as well as pathways to the river. Also we need to plant the river, fill in all the gaps, give the river its space. Forget grass along the river edge. Go for carex, harakeke, tī kouka etc. I reckon plant more generally in the open relaxing area too. The grass is nice here but we also need plenty of shade.

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<p>It's fantastic. Having the connection to the outdoors and the Northern aspect is great. The layout caters for all sorts of activities in the library to better reflect what libraries are these days, more community hubs than stuffy quiet places. However there is still opportunity for peace and quiet as the layout caters for that by separating the kids and cafe areas from the more intimate seating spaces.</p>	<p>The landscaping and the building have a solid connection to each other and the new landscaping has totally utilized the large space. The cafe deck is a good size and is now positioned to make the most of the sun. Having multiple bike parks away from the entrances is a good idea.</p>
<p>Really like it. I've heard chatter that people don't want the cafe by the children's section. Please don't listen to this. The noisiest part of the library isn't the children- it's the cafe. If they don't like children's sounds they should go to a local cafe, not a community space. I really don't like that anti-child sentiment and I'm so pleased so far it has no place at south library. The children are what bring life to South. Families are far more limited in their options that groups going out for coffee. We value and welcome families and invite their childhood noise and fun.</p>	<p>I love this. I love the inclusion of the space down to the waters edge. My grandson will spend ages here I can see. The way it's called play space is encouraging. We want to see children out and about and being a visible part of our beckenham community. Love it</p>
<p>The design is fantastic - moving the cafe space to the east end near the Sunday market is a great idea. The design doesn't appear to have a secure outdoor playground though. As a mum of 1 toddler (& soon a new baby), I think this is an oversight as having a secure outdoor play space visible from the children's section (& possibly from the cafe) would be very useful especially when you have more than one child. This is even more important when you consider the proximity to a busy road and the river.</p> <p>Is the eastern door (in between the kitchen and staff room) intended to be open to the public during opening hours or just a fire exit? I imagine it would be well used by Sunday market goers wanting to use the bathrooms in the library.</p>	<p>The western entry has a ramp but no steps, it is quite a convoluted/windy route to get into the building if you came from the south end of Colombo street to visit the library.</p>
<p>Have some concerns with the size of the community rooms. We hire the Sydenham Room occasionally and there does not look like a comparable room in the new plans. Would ideally like a room that accommodates up to 50 people.</p>	<p>Looks good</p>
<p>I like that the cafe is near the kid's area and the general collection. I really don't like exiling the young adults to the opposite side of the library like a leper colony. The young adults will be very much bridging the kids then young adults, then young adults to adult books.. and every time you have the poor things completely separate from everyone. Given they are wrongly treated this way in our culture, I am quite outraged that we do this in a space that's meant to be inclusive. Overall design, we are in financial hardship as a country. A building can be beautiful without the stupid expensive features that do nothing but add snobbery and exclusivity to the overall feel. Make the building more approachable and not about the egos of the designers. I bet if you just took a few things out, it would be much cheaper... and not overrun the budget. Features that add beauty do not necessarily mean millions of dollars.</p>	<p>They look good, not taking away the trees which is nice.</p>

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<p>The following feedback is on behalf of Beckenham Neighbourhood Association Inc. (BNA)</p> <p>Overall our response to the proposed design is very favourable - we appreciate the quiet study areas, and also that the cafe, children's area and toilets have been located close together.</p> <p>The one piece of constructive criticism we wish to give is with respect to the location of the after-hours access for meeting rooms. This is of particular interest to us, as the BNA committee has been a regular user of these meeting rooms and the boardroom for our monthly meetings and AGM since the current building was opened. For most of the year it is already dark by the time people arrive for our 7:30pm meetings.</p> <p>Whether walking, cycling or driving, most people attending our meetings arrive using the existing footpath leading to the main entry because it is well-lit and under cover. Often people will have to wait outside for several minutes if they turn up before whoever has the key card to unlock the door. We feel that the location of the after-hours entry is not visible enough from this main arrival area, and that this presents potential safety concerns. Because it is hidden around the corner, you can't see if there are people loitering at the entrance until you have arrived. It also doesn't feel like a safe place for people to wait, because it is relatively secluded and faces a 'potential future shared path' that probably won't be used much if at all when it is dark.</p> <p>The existing after-hours entrance off the main footpath seems like a better location to us. You can see from a very long distance away if there is already anyone waiting there and/or if the door has been unlocked, so if you feel safer you can wait in your car until other attendees arrive.</p> <p>Beckenham Neighbourhood Association Inc.</p>	
<p>Some aspects are office like and do not take into account that this is a PUBLIC building. It is not single-use and one office space for all staff is unsuitable. The cafe placement ignores the needs of older people in placement and access. Its present site is better not impeding the use of the books/computers etc, Yet immediately visible and accessible from the main entry.</p>	
<p>We need a Post Shop and Boxes too</p>	
<p>I am interested in how the Library will look like and when it will be ready. Xavier 5 years old</p>	
<p>it is bad I always go here.</p>	<p>WHY</p>
<p>I love the idea and are you going to add benches outside?</p>	
<p>Look forward to new centre</p>	<p>:)</p>
	<p>BE COOL</p>
<p>Love it! Really important community hub.</p>	<p>Gorgeous - Community Garden possibilities?</p>
	<p>What is going to happen with our Rock Sculptures?</p>
<p>I would like a really quiet area.</p>	<p>Looking very good</p>
<p>Separate women's toilet please, so at least some toilets will have cleaner floors. Hand basin outside individual toilets too. No use washing hands if person before hasn't bothered inside stall, before opening door. Frivolous curved line and pillars outside building will look dirty quickly and too much ongoing cleaning costs, by overpriced under-interested unskilled workers needing H&S cherry pickers etc. USE OUR RATES MONEY FOR WHAT REALLY NEEDED.</p>	
<p>The new proposal looks great. Love the children's space being close to the cafe! We would love less tech and more focus on books.</p>	<p>Also remember cargo bike-style parking. Good job!</p>

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The new plan looks amazing, but it seems a shame to demolish this building (very nice already) and take an important community space out of action for 18+ months	
Would be great to have a 'book drop off' area located in carpark instead of having to park and drop books on site. Drive through scenario.	
Yes it all looks good to me.	Super duper
The only thing that's missing is a water feature.	
Looks good, functional. Will the north and South access being opposite each other, create a wind draft?	Tired of parking on street - no good if raining.
Building looks fantastic! There is quite a large area for outside use - would be great to have plenty of shade trees, or a shade sail or two for sun-safe activity.	Great to see that parking areas and main pavement areas are separate. Please make sure that pedestrian crossings are painted sharp white and not left to fade (not great on we days!)
Great but hope our rates will not go up.	In climate change era, the river could rise.
Please no unisex toilets, as I have used them at Tauranga Library and I don't like them.	
<p>Justice of the Peace services provided at Christchurch South Library are very popular with the public at large. Presently these services are made available by way of a 3 hour clinic each Tuesday morning. Frequently 35 to 40 customers utilise these services. In conjunction with the planning for changes at the library, it is worthwhile considering if the space for offering these services and the necessary waiting area can be improved. As a Justice of the Peace I much prefer offering these services from a public venue rather than having unknown people coming into my home. Modern life seems to be imposing greater compliance requirements in numerous activities leading to increasing demand for JP services. Creating an easy space within the new Library layout to enable these services to be offered efficiently would be a valuable consideration.</p> <p>3-hour clinic each Tuesday morning - 35 to 40 Customers Please consider improvements to space for offering these service and required waiting area. Modern life indicates an increasing requirement for compliance documentation in many fields.</p> <p>As a Justice of the Peace, I much prefer offering these services from a public venue rather than having unknown people coming to my home. Andrew Webster JP.</p>	
<p>I endorse that the primary focus of the design is to reconnect the building with the Ōpāwaho, and that there is an entrance/courtyard on the north side of the building.</p> <p>I like the location of the cafe on the NE corner, and the mix of indoor and outdoor seating.</p> <p>It appears the 'pop-ups' will ensure natural light into the library.</p> <p>It is not clear that in addition to the Board room there is an additional larger meeting space that is accessible to the community after hours - or is this the Computer Lab/Maker Space?</p>	<p>The landscape plan recognises and integrates existing structures, which is good.</p> <p>I suggest the cycle park on the north side of building is moved closer to the building to have better surveillance.</p> <p>The one way entry and exit to the west end of car park is great and will reduce conflict with Hunter Tce traffic.</p> <p>The location of the eastern entry/exit also reduces conflict - except possibly not when the market is operating?</p>

Submissions received on Proposal for the South Library and Service Centre rebuild concept, July 2023

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<p>It is good to see some progress on this project.</p> <p>The things that work well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of even temperatures and lighting via eaves and pop-ups Future proofing re solar energy and energy conservation Opening the facility to the river and riverbank environment Enlarged areas for book stock and cafe creation of more centralised entrance Flexibility of meeting/board room arrangements <p>Enlargement of book stock areas, although some of the area designation are questionable. Why separate Young Adults and the rest? When do readers all move from YA to Adult? Presumably library staff will be able to adjust this.</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <p>The existing building doesn't have enough toilets. on the plan it looks as though there are fewer than a present and have to be used by both staff and patrons.</p> <p>Not sure about shared working spaces. is there a likelihood of conflict over differing purposes and need for space?</p> <p>The placing of the children's and cafe area together, while convenient for parents, might pose problems. There is the danger of turning the library into a babysitting facility (which has proven a problem in the past). Noise might also be a problem for users. In the present building baby times can be heard in the cafe, even though the cafe is well removed from the children's area. If the two are adjacent the impact on cafe customers will be heightened.</p> <p>Where will all the buggies go? Will they impede cafe patrons?</p> <p>Access to the cafe and children's area through the book stock is problematic and a potential safety issue as the needs of different users could clash.</p> <p>The market operates for 3 hours each week on a Sunday morning; it is also a quasi-commercial enterprise, even though it is a community feature. The library in contrast operates 7 days a week for many hours each day and is a council service centre for the area. The closure of Hunter Terrace, at the Market's behest, resulted in reduced parking at all times for regular library users. Perhaps too much emphasis has been placed on convenience for the market when siting the cafe and not enough on the requirements of the general public and library users.</p>	<p>Please keep flax away from pedestrian areas</p>
<p>South Library is a great busy community space. Lots of people also use it for study purposes and the new design does not provide quiet distraction free space for this purpose.</p>	<p>The landing next to a very narrow part of the river seems excessive. I appreciate you are trying to encourage walking and cycling to the library, but the number of car parking spaces seems underquoted given current demand and the distances people travel to use this library.</p>
<p>If you are going to have the main door on the south side, have side entry they way they do in shopping malls to stop the cold air.</p>	
	<p>There are no more parking spaces than at present - unsatisfactory. Today (Thursday am) have to park along by river.</p>
	<p>Don't put too much glass like Halswell. Fading books & hot!</p>