

8. SPREYDON LIBRARY - ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

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The Board considered a supplementary report following on from recent Council and Community Board seminars and public consultation on this issue. The report provided the latest information for the Community Board and relevant Standing Committees on the accommodation options to meet the Spreydon Library's demand for additional space and sought approval to proceed with one of those options.

Simon Markham (Director of Information) and Sue Sutherland (Libraries Manager) spoke to the report.

Bruce Harding, a local resident, also spoke to the Board regarding accommodation options for the Spreydon Library, in particular, advising of his concerns at the lack of information available to the public on options included in the consultation process.

The Board **decided** to advise the appropriate standing committees as follows:

1. That the Board recommends that options 1 and 3 be excluded for the following reasons:

Option 1

A single level addition at the rear of the existing property. Although this option costs the least, the Board considers it has significant disadvantages:

- Of all the options it has the greatest impact on the notable trees.
- Along with option 3, it is the least desirable in respect of parking design, access and pedestrian safety.

Option 3:

New two-storey library where the existing library is. This option costs 92% more than option 1. The primary reasons for not considering it further are:

- This option costs 92% more than option 1.
- It is the least desirable for the library from an operational and customer perspective.
- It has similar car parking and pedestrian safety issues as option 1.
- It is the most disruptive option to library services during the construction/development period.
- The existing building is demolished.

2. That the Board considers the key determinants in relation to options 2 and 4 to be as follows:

Option 2:

- Would make a good library site and library.
- Insufficient account taken of the value of parkland and trees.
- Seriously compromises a valuable tree collection.
- Concerns regarding traffic safety.
- There is scope for future upward expansion.
- Some concern regarding waste of an existing building.

Option 4:

- Would make a satisfactory library.
- Very expensive solution.
- Fewer traffic safety concerns.

3. That the Board is unable to fully endorse any individual option, but of the eight Board members present, support for the individual options was as follows:

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| - Option 2 | Six |
| - Option 4 | Five |
| - Explore other options | Six |