

10. SPREYDON LIBRARY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board of the outcome of the public consultation process related to the siting of the new Spreydon Library building.

Two options for siting the new Spreydon Library building, recommended by the Community Board, were displayed for public comment at Spreydon Library from Monday 11 October until Friday 22 October. People were asked to make their comments on specially designed submission forms. A public meeting, attended by approximately 24 members of the public, six members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board and eight Council officers, was held on Monday 11 October at the Cashmere Club. This report deals with comments received from members of the public

Recommended options:

Option 2 - a new purpose-built library behind the present building with parking at the front.

Option 4 - re-locating to the old Barrington Mall building

Submissions:

156 submissions were received.

- 62 definitely favoured Option 2
- 55 definitely favoured Option 4
- 19 stated they were definitely **not** in favour of relocating to the Mall but did not indicate Option 2 as an alternative. Of these 19:
 - 7 favoured Option 1, extending on to the back of the present building
 - 6 favoured a 2-storey option on the present site
 - 6 had no other option, just did **not** favour moving to the Mall
- Of the remaining 20:
 - 6 addressed the issue of the building but did not provide any clear direction
 - 14 did not address the issue of the siting of the building

The public meeting was facilitated by Maurice McGregor. Although the meeting did not provide an indication of a preferred site most members of the public who attended took the opportunity to make their views known via submission forms which were available at the meeting. Minutes of this meeting have been circulated to all Board members and to members of the Council staff who attended.

Recommendation: That this information be considered in conjunction with a supplementary report to be tabled at the Board's 2 November 1999 meeting, to enable it to make recommendation(s) to the appropriate standing committees.