

**Council: 4 November 2008**

**Motion (8.3):** Cllr. Matthew Offord

**Amendment:** Cllr. Hugh Rayner

Barnet at Burnt Oak

*Insert the following between paragraphs 2 and 3:*

However, Council is dismayed that opposition Members on LBB did not support the refurbishment of Burnt Oak Library in Full Council last year.

*Substantive Motion to read:*

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

Council is proud of the Conservative Administration's Leading Libraries policy that is seeing libraries refurbished across the Borough.

Council is particularly pleased with the upgrading at Burnt Oak, where £1 million has been spent on a new library and customer service centre for the West of the Borough.

However, Council is dismayed that opposition Members on LBB did not support the refurbishment of Burnt Oak Library in Full Council last year.

Council believes that such a facility, where residents can access a range of Council services under one roof, is vitally important for Burnt Oak, where levels of deprivation are significantly higher than the rest of the Borough, and mobility rates lower.

Additionally, Council believes that the coming economic downturn may increase demand for Library books and materials, and access to Council and other services.

Accordingly, Council calls on Cabinet to ensure that Barnet at Burnt Oak, is a success, and that all the Borough's libraries continue to be well-supported

## **Council, Tuesday 4 November 2008**

Amendment in the name of Cllr Claire Farrier to motion in the name of Cllr Matthew Offord

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

### **Barnet at Burnt Oak**

Delete all and replace with:

Council is pleased that, following the hard fought campaign by local residents and the Burnt Oak councillors, Burnt Oak library has finally been upgraded to include a new customer service centre for the West of the Borough.

Council believes that such a facility, where residents can access a range of council services under one roof, is vitally important for Burnt Oak, where levels of deprivation are significantly higher than the rest of the Borough and mobility rates lower.

Additionally, Council believes that the coming economic downturn may increase demand for library books and materials, and access to council and other services.

Accordingly Council calls on Cabinet to

- confirm that they will not make any cuts to libraries or close any libraries
- reverse the freeze on the library media and book fund
- reverse the reduction in library opening hours
- fund the much needed improvements to East Finchley library including disability access