

Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
7	Anne Shepherd	<p>In the case of my local library, South Friern, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that this is only being retained because the lease says it has to be used as a library. Please spell out, in detail, the exact terms under which the old library was knocked down and the site sold for expensive housing in return for the provision of a new library. Is the library currently rent-free as part of this deal? If so, why is there any need to cut the library space? Given that space can already be hired in the Church Hall of St Peters, just down the road, why does the Council believe that there will be any take-up of space hire in the library? Good luck with finding volunteers, by the way – many people feel very strongly about replacing other people's livelihoods with unpaid labour.</p>	<p>The details of the arrangements and history at South Friern will require the council's property and legal services to access historic information which is not possible in the timeframe. The Council pays an annual service charge for the use of the property, circa £4k plus utilities. A request for information has been made and will be made available as soon as it is provided. The proposal for the library service retains a library facility at all current static sites, irrespective of the property status. The intention is to reconfigure the space to maximise the opportunity of leasing space in order to generate income. In relation to volunteers, please see, questions 12, 22, 31, 37, 42, 47, 57, and 61.</p>