

**A new community library for Paignton**

**Big Lottery Fund  
Community Libraries Programme**

**Successful bid:  
£2 MILLION Awarded  
to Torbay**



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## The positive – what we aim to retain

*“Paignton Library is a place of refuge, where I can relax away from the pressures of my life and job.”*

*“The staff are always patient, helpful & very pleasant.”*

*“Like all libraries, it is a vital part of the community”*

*“A pleasure to visit.”*

*Comments received from respondents to Adult Public Library User Survey 2006*



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## The negative – why we need a new build

*“Lack of facilities puts me off using the library for reading.”*

*“Insufficient ventilation – smells stale.”*

*“More seating, more space.”*

*“Needs bringing into 21st Century, very drab.”*

*Comments received from respondents to Adult Public Library User Survey 2006*



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## The future – agreed outcomes as part of our bid

- Communities are actively engaged in the development, delivery and management of library services.
- Parents / carers of the under 5s will report that they are more confident about reading / sharing books with their children as a result of attending early literacy activities.
- Young people report increased self esteem and social skills as a result of participating in group media-based activities at the library.
- Older people will report having greater confidence in using a computer as a result of attending ICT taster courses in the new IT Learning Suite at the Library.



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## The future – same service, new facility

Your new library will be a modern community facility with some excellent features:

- A convenient town centre location with good public transport links
- Flexible accommodation with meeting spaces and ‘interview’ rooms for local community organisations
- Out of ‘normal’ hours use
- Self-service issue terminals



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## Who else will be in the building?

- Adult and Community Learning
- Connections
- Learndirect
- SureStart
- Community Police
- Café (franchise)



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## What has been done to date?

- We have convened the Community Library Steering Group
  - The following plans have been prepared and submitted:
    - Business Plan
    - Capital Delivery Project Plan
    - Community Engagement Plan
- all of which have been approved by the Lottery



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## What has been done to date?

We have consulted with the following:

Paignton Library staff

Mad 4 Paignton

Equality and diversity groups

Paignton Town Community

Connections

Partnership

Connexions

Youth Services

Children's Centre

Paignton Preservation

Friends of Paignton Library

Society

Citizens Advice Bureau

AGE Concern

Torbay Advice Network

Councillors



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## What are we doing now?

We are now:

- Preparing the tender specifications for a building contractor
- Preparing the tender specifications for a Library fixtures & fittings supplier



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## What are we doing now?

We are continuing consultation in the following ways:

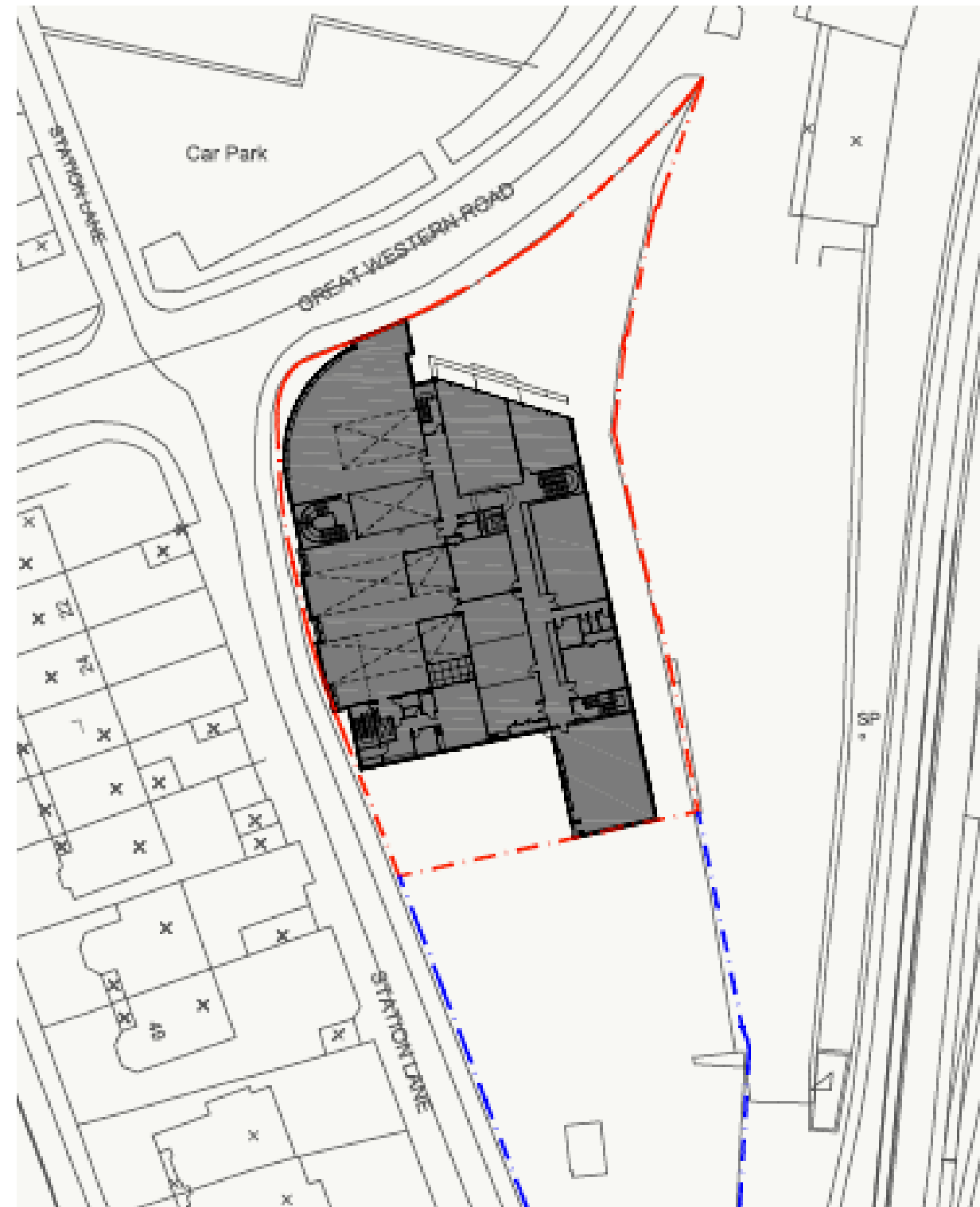
- Consultation Caravan
- Presentations
- Surveys
- Displays
- Community Library Steering Group
- Community Engagement Plan



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## Where will the new library be?

A town centre site in Station Lane.



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## When will work commence on building?

Work is planned to begin in March/April 2009.

## When will the new library open?

It is hoped that the new facility will be ready to open in August 2010.



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## How will I find out more?

This display board will be updated as developments take place.

We will also post information, including the latest plans and drawings, on our website at:

[www.torbay.gov./libraries](http://www.torbay.gov./libraries).



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*Help us create your perfect library!*

Use the post-it notes and pens to place your comments and wishes for the new library here.

