

ENNIS CONSULTATION

BACKGROUND

THE NEW COUNTY LIBRARY COMPRISING LIBRARY, LOCAL STUDIES CENTRE AND ADJACENT ART GALLERY WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO AND JOINED WITH GLÓR THEATRE ON ITS CURRENT SITE IN ENNIS.

THE MAIN FACILITIES OF THE NEW LIBRARY WILL BE:

An enhanced book and media collection across

- Adult Fiction and Non Fiction
- Children's and Young Adult collections
- Local Studies – the County's primary local studies resource

Other facilities include

- A Multi-Function Room for events and lectures
- Meeting room for community use
- State of the art technological features including self-service and Open Access

THE MAIN FACILITIES OF THE NEW ART GALLERY WILL BE:

The visual art gallery will be an 80m² gallery space designed for the presentation of professional and local contemporary visual arts. With tall ceilings and daylight, it will be suitable for hanging of paintings, display of sculpture and digital art and be capable of 'black out' for multimedia screens/projections

QUESTIONS

GETTING THERE

Q1

- How would you be most likely to travel to the new building?
- Would you be more likely to visit if pedestrian routes from the town and local car parks were improved?
- Will you walk or cycle?
- Will you travel by public transport?

THE BUILDING: LIBRARY

Q2 **The public library will be split across two floors (ground and first) with an atrium linking the two. We intend that the library will be more open on the ground floor and more enclosed and quieter on the upper floor.**

- Do you think the library should be a “buzzy” active place or a quiet studious space?
- What facilities would help define a modern library service?

Q3 **The new library will have a large light filled open ground level with a multi-function room which will be programmed by the Library Service.**

- What events/programmes/lectures would particularly appeal to you?

Q4 **The new library is to be “open access” so you can visit at extended times.**

- Would extended hours make you more likely to use its facilities?
- What are the core hours you presently use the library and why?

Q5 **The existing De Valera library has been important to Ennis and County Clare for many years but is now at the end of its useful life.**

- Do you currently use the DeValera library?
- What do you most like or dislike about it?
- Are there important aspects of the DeValera Library that we should think about including in the new library building?

Q6 Education and links with schools and colleges are a key part of the library's remit

- What facilities do you think should be provided for children and young people?
- How best can the library provide for individual and group study for school users?

Q7 Other Libraries

- Are there other libraries that you have visited or used that have impressed you and why?

THE BUILDING: VISUAL ART GALLERY

Q8 Do you think the visual arts are strong in Clare and the region?

Are there any specific arts programmes you would like to see in the gallery?

Are there any specific exhibitions you would like to see in the gallery?

Is there a need for the Arts Office to have a presence at the gallery? e.g. information desk

What would distinguish the gallery from the visual arts space currently in glór?

Should the gallery

a) have its own opening hours and if so what would you recommend?

b) have the same opening hours as glór

c) have the same opening hours as the library

Do you have any ideas for the name of the gallery?

THE BUILDING: GLÓR THEATRE

Q9 Using glór

- Do you currently visit glór?
- How often do you attend a performance?
- Would visiting the new Library and/or the Art Gallery make you more likely to attend a show at glór?

Q10 Using glór Café

The current glór theatre has a good quality café which would be made available to Library and Art Gallery clients as well as the present glór client

- Would use of the café improve your experience of using the new library and increase its attraction?

WE VALUE YOUR COMMENTS

**PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK IN THE
SPACE BELOW**

ALTERNATIVELY

Written submissions can also be sent to the County Librarian, County Library HQ, Mill Rd, Ennis, Co Clare by 5th April, 2017