

Appendix C

The Competing Proposals	
The Friends'	The Shadow Trust Board's
<p>Now that the library has been refitted with bookcases etc on wheels, making the public spaces more flexible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to have all public areas available for their current uses and more during the hours the library is operating. 2. Outside library hours make the public areas available for an even wider range of uses. 	<p>Banish the library from the public areas and, accordingly, strip out the refit. (The "B&Q shelving...is what happens when decisions are made by people lacking the skills and understanding of how to work with an architecturally significant building."¹)</p>
<p>Broaden the range of community use in ways which are complementary to the existing community spaces in Herne Hill and the proposed redevelopment of the stable block in Ruskin Park.</p>	<p>Duplicate other local provision by competing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With local church halls by leaving the "Main Hall²" empty except for stacks of furniture³. 2. With the stable block by opening in the library a bar selling alcohol late into the evening of every day of the week⁴.
<p>Provide a library service as part of the community use of the public areas, without charging rent.</p>	<p>Accommodate a library somewhere "on site⁵" but only as a commercial letting paying the same rent and service charges as business users⁶.</p>

¹ Email from the Board's Secretary 14 January 2015

² Ibid

³ Presentation by the Board to the Friends on 19 November 2014

⁴ Included in the Presentation and stated to be "the preferred option"

⁵ The Board's Memorandum of Understanding dated 26 October 2014

⁶ Carnegie Library Options Appraisal Report 11 July 2014 paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3

Continue to provide the Home Delivery Service, the library service for the housebound, from a room in the basement.	Discontinue this service, at least from the Carnegie, and try to let out the room ⁷ .
Continue the existing informal arrangements for ongoing consultation with individuals and groups and augment these with a formal users' consultative committee. Broaden the committee's membership as more groups use the public spaces and eventually form a representative body to take a transfer of the building.	Never consult users of the building on the arrangements for governance. Instead get Lambeth to appoint trustees who would not be accountable to local people ⁸ . Transfer the building to the trustees.
Continue with day-to-day management of the building by the library manager as part of her duties.	Employ administrative staff and provide them with one or more offices in the building.
Lambeth would bear the cost of staffing to provide a professional library service. This is £125,000 a year ⁹ . Other costs can be more than covered by rents and other income from the building ¹⁰ .	Total costs without a library service would exceed £150,000 ¹¹ a year and rents would cover about half ¹² , leaving a deficit of about £75,000 a year.

⁷ The room numbered 3 on the plans to ibid

⁸ Meeting of the board on 5 February 2015

⁹ Libraries Budget Comparison 2013/14 to 2014/15

¹⁰ Ibid and A Review of the Carnegie Project Group's Proposals pp10-11 and 13

¹¹ The Carnegie Library Community Hub Project Options Appraisal Report 11 July 2014 paragraph 5.5

¹² The said review p13