

# Wasting Money

Lambeth say that the purpose of what they are doing at Carnegie and other libraries is to save £801,000 a year by 2020. However **there is no sign of any savings emerging.**

The table on the right has been prepared by the People's Audit and lists £7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> million of additional expenditure they have traced in respect of libraries. No doubt there will be expenditure they have not traced and, of course, we have another two years of spending between now and 2020.

Lambeth insist that there is no business plan for the gym they are installing in the basement but that they are sure it will generate income for the building from 2022 onwards. However there are plenty of gyms which are in locations more convenient for most potential users, offer a wider range of activities and are cheaper than GLL/Lambeth's £19.95 minimum monthly fee.

Extra costs incurred by LBL since FY 14/15 (£000)	
West Norwood redevelopment	3,400
Carnegie library redevelopment	3,000
Carnegie security	200
Building work in advance of lease to UNJL Trust and other refurbishment costs	280
Neighbourhood library' fit-out costs	160
Cost of converting former Waterloo library into 'meanwhile'/Granby Space'	30
Additional contribution to Oasis fit-out	50
Commissioning costs for unnamed charities to run literacy programmes formerly hosted by libraries	100
Commissioning costs for UNJL to provide 'community hub'	60
Annual running costs of four 'neighbourhood libraries'	100
Lost income from ejection of office tenants at Carnegie	110
UNJL staff costs support	15
Butler Hegarty options appraisal	40
publicity/branding for options appraisal	5
Development worker costs	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,580</b>

## Further Information

The Friends' and Defend the 10's websites contain much more about the campaigns:

[www.friendsofcarnegielibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofcarnegielibrary.org.uk)

[www.defendthe10-lambeth.org.uk](http://www.defendthe10-lambeth.org.uk)

and they are on Twitter @FrndsOfCarnegie @defendtheten

You can write to the Friends at foclchair@gmail.com

The People's Audit website is very informative about Lambeth's finances and their 2015/16 Lambeth report has a chapter on libraries:

[www.thepeoplesaudit.info](http://www.thepeoplesaudit.info)

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## Ten weeks before the Elections Lambeth have opened a library but **IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY**

- **The Planning Permission for the future of the building does not provide any space for a library** (Lambeth Planning reference 16/06270/FUL). The current library use is under a strictly temporary permission (Lambeth Planning reference 18/00553/NMC)
- **The staffing of the "library" is equally temporary.** More details are overleaf.
- **Lambeth plan to hand the building over for non-library use to a bogus community group set up by Lambeth,** Carnegie Community Trust, despite there being a genuine community group, Carnegie Library Association, with a fully-costed business plan willing to operate it as a library and for uses compatible with a library.

The campaign for all Lambeth's libraries has prepared this pledge for candidates. When you are canvassed **please insist that all local candidates sign it.**

## DEFEND THE TEN Lambeth Libraries Campaign

*I'm signing up to the Lambeth Libraries pledge:*

- for the reinstatement of a full library service in all 10 Lambeth libraries
- for properly funded libraries, fully staffed by library professionals
- for libraries that are safe, welcoming, supportive and accessible for everybody
- for an end to the financial give-away to unaccountable Trusts and leisure companies
- for a long term library strategy and sustainable local authority funding for all 10 Libraries

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**VOTE LIBRARY ON MAY 3RD**