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*A community newspaper for East Finchley run entirely by volunteers.*

## “Stop the library cuts”

*say campaigners as day centre services face closure too, but Old Barn is SAVED*



Parents and kids protest outside East Finchley Library.  
 Photo by Mike Coles

By Daphne Chamberlain  
**Barnet Council plans to cut the libraries budget by £2.8million over the next five years. The council is asking us to choose between three ways to achieve this, though it has stated that it will not necessarily be guided by the wishes of the majority.**

For East Finchley, it is a choice between complete closure or a library reduced to about the size of the present reading room and quite likely to be relocated. Under one option, this tiny library would be unstaffed for most of the time. Under another it would be offered to the community, to be run by volunteers. We have until the middle of February to express an opinion.

The council’s survey can be found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/library-consultation-14>.

Note that you don’t have to choose between the council’s options, but can just enter your views in the comment box.

The full consultation document can be found at <http://engage.barnet.gov.uk>. For paper copies, email [libraryconsultation@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:libraryconsultation@barnet.gov.uk) or phone 020 8359 7100.

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## Old Barn is saved for the community

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## Ann Owens closure date is confirmed

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