

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 OCTOBER 2010

Question by: Mr Jon Rowleron

To the: Cabinet Member for Residents Services

QUESTION

“Question to Council regarding the proposed closure and sale of the Sands End Community Centre.

Mollie Macartney recently sent the Action Group a letter of support. Mollie Macartney is a widow of 84 and was a WREN in World War II.

Mollie Macartney writes:

"I always get a lovely welcome when I regularly go into the Library to borrow books. The personal contact is so important. I also read the newspapers as being on a limited income I find daily newspapers too expensive. I notice with dismay that the library is run down and there have been no new book purchases for some time.

PLEASE PLEASE reconsider the Council's decision to sell the Sands End Community Centre."

What words of comfort does the Council have for Mollie Macartney?"

RESPONSE

The proposal is still in the consultation stage. The consultation deadline had been extended to end on 10 November, and no decision has been taken on the Sands End Community Centre's future. The proposals have been put forward to the public which is wide known. The Council was looking at alternatives where services could be re-positioned to within the Sands End Ward. It was hoped that Mollie Macartney continued to receive a friendly smile and service wherever the Sands End library will be, whether within the community centre or within another venue in the Ward.

If the Cabinet did decide to close the community centre, it will reposition all of the Council services that are currently within that centre locally and there will still be a library, a public gym and adult learning classes in Sands End.