

## SAVE OUR LIBRARIES

We, the signatories of this petition call upon North East Lincolnshire Council to protect our library services and to commit to providing a first-class library service across all libraries.

We further call upon the Council to:

- To commit to carrying out the essential repairs to the Grimsby Central Library building in as timely a manner as possible.
- To commit to retaining this public building as a public library and to ensuring that the building is neither repurposed or demolished.
- To desist from relocating the library service to Freshney Place shopping centre or any other location.
- To return all stock into the building and reopen the building as a library as soon as practicably possible.
- To bring the upper floors of the library back into full public use, we ask
  that books and book lending remain central to the service. Other
  services on upper floors are acceptable as long as this are sympathetic
  to the ethos of a library and offer services and facilities for the public.
- To commit to keeping Cleethorpes Library in its current purpose-built library building and desist from relocating to the totally unsuitable location of Cleethorpes Leisure Centre.
- To commit to maintaining the range of events and exhibitions and continuing to provide facilities for the groups and organisations that meet at the library.
- To commit to retaining Waltham Library as a Council run service rather than making it a volunteer run service without the expertise of trained library staff.
- To commit to ensuring that the library does not become yet another coffee shop, with one shelf of (never updated) books, as has happened to other former branch libraries.

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