

## **Bowring Library Working Group: Draft report on consultation.**

### **Summary**

- **239 replies were received – a large response in relation to Moreton’s 1800 residents.**
- **84% think the LIBRARY is very important (67%) or very important (17%) for the town.**
- **74% think the BUILDING is very important (48%) or important (26%) for the town.**
- **77% think it would be much better (56%) or better (21%) to keep the library in the Bowring Building if possible; 9% think it would be better to move it to Green Hill.**
- **52% would strongly support (14%) or support (38%) a move to Green Hill if it is not possible to keep the library at the Bowring Building,; 40% would strongly oppose (29%) or oppose (11%) a move.**
- **Those supporting the move to Green Hill appeared particularly concerned to keep a library in the town; those opposing the move appeared to be particularly concerned about impacts on the youth club.**

### *Introduction:*

The form of the consultation questionnaire (attached) was agreed by the PC at its meeting last November. 2000 copies were printed, and distributed

- as an enclosure in the December issue of *News in Moreton*
- by hand delivery in early December to electors resident in Moreton and known not to subscribe to *News in Moreton*
- by post in early December to electors resident in the parish outside Moreton and known not to subscribe to *News in Moreton*
- by the school to parents with its newsletter in January.

Forms were also made available at the Library, the Parish Office, the Information Centre, and at the White Hart, the White Horse and The Union. The relevant documentation was made available at the Parish Office and at the Library, and on the website. People were invited to open information and discussion sessions at the Library on Saturday 7 December, and at Green Hill on Saturday 9 January; and we set up a table outside the Co-op on Saturday 16 January (the only fine Saturday ...) to engage people and hand out more forms. The consultation was also publicised by an article in *News in Moreton*, and an article in the *Mid Devon Advertiser*.

The consultation closed on Sunday 17 January; 233 replies have been received, from 239 individuals. This is a fairly high response rate, given that the parish has about 1400 electors and a population of about 1800.

### *The results:*

Most (71%) of the responses are from residents of the town, and most of the rest from people who live in other parts of the parish (Table 1). This reasonably reflects the make-up of the parish. About half the responses are from those aged over 60, a quarter from those aged between 30 and 59, and 18% from those aged between 0 and 18. Those over 60 are probably

over-represented, and those between 19 and 29 in particular are under-represented. Inspection of the replies suggests that those who use the library regularly are probably over-represented, as probably are those who have strong opinions about the library, the building, the youth club and Green Hill.

Age	0-4	5-11	12-18	19-29	30-59	60+	No reply	Total	%
Lives in the town	1	17	10	2	42	80	8	160	<b>71%</b>
Lives in parish but not in town		5	2	3	15	20	2	47	<b>21%</b>
Lives outside parish	1	2			4	10	1	18	<b>8%</b>
No reply		4	2			6	2	14	-
Total	2	28	14	5	61	116	13	239	
%	<b>1%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>51%</b>	-		

Table 1

The most immediately important questions were those asked about relocating the library services. We asked about this in two ways.

First, we asked whether *“if funding and support for keeping the building can be found, do you think it would be better to keep the library service in the present building .... or move it to Green Hill?”*

As Table 2 shows, 77% of the respondents think it would be better if the library stays in the Bowring Building, and most of them think it would be much better; only 9% think it would be better or much better to move to Green Hill.

Much better to stay where it is	Better to stay where it is	I don't mind	Better to move the library service to Green Hill	Much better to move the library service to Green Hill	No reply	Total
<b>131 (56%)</b>	<b>48.5 (21%)</b>	<b>32.5 (14%)</b>	<b>14 (6%)</b>	<b>7 (3%)</b>	<b>6 (-)</b>	<b>239</b>

Table 2

The reasons they give are reproduced as Annex A. Among frequent positive reasons that people give for wanting the library to stay in the Bowring building are that it was given to the town as a purpose-built library building, the historic character of the building, and that it is familiar, works well and is close to the town centre. Frequent concerns they voice are that there would be less space for the library and its activities at Green Hill, that it is further from the centre of town and less accessible, and that it would take space from the youth club and impact on its activities. Children who use and value the youth club particularly gave this last reason.

Among positive reasons given by people wanting the library to move to Green Hill are that it's a more modern building, that it offers the prospect of longer opening hours, that there would be benefits in co-locating the library with other cultural activities, that it would save money, would have better long-term viability, and that it would support Green Hill. The main concern voiced is the cost of repairing and maintaining the present building.

Table 3 examines whether different sub-groups of respondents have different views on whether the library should move.

	Much better to stay where it is	Better to stay where it is	I don't mind	Better to move the library service to Green Hill	Much better to move the library service to Green Hill	No reply	Total
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>131 (56%)</b>	<b>48.5 (21%)</b>	<b>32.5 (14%)</b>	<b>14 (6%)</b>	<b>7 (3%)</b>	<b>6 (-)</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>0-18 years old</b>	<b>35 (80%)</b>	<b>5 (11%)</b>	<b>4 (9%)</b>				<b>44</b>
<b>19-59 years old</b>	<b>31 (46%)</b>	<b>17.5 (25%)</b>	<b>9.5 (19%)</b>	<b>7 (11%)</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>		<b>66</b>
<b>60+ years old</b>	<b>58 (53%)</b>	<b>22 (20%)</b>	<b>18 (16%)</b>	<b>7 (6%)</b>	<b>5 (5%)</b>	<b>6 (-)</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Living in Moreton</b>	<b>84 (54%)</b>	<b>38.5 (25%)</b>	<b>18.5 (12%)</b>	<b>8 (5%)</b>	<b>6 (4%)</b>	<b>5 (-)</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Living in parish but outside Moreton</b>	<b>29 (63%)</b>	<b>5 (11%)</b>	<b>7 (15%)</b>	<b>4 (9%)</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>	<b>1 (-)</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Uses library several times a year or more</b>	<b>83 (56%)</b>	<b>31 (21%)</b>	<b>25.5 (17%)</b>	<b>8 (5%)</b>	<b>2 (1%)</b>	<b>3 (-)</b>	<b>152.5</b>
<b>Uses library less than once a year</b>	<b>43 (55%)</b>	<b>16.5 (21%)</b>	<b>7 (9%)</b>	<b>6 (8%)</b>	<b>5 (6%)</b>	<b>3 (-)</b>	<b>80.5</b>
<b>Thinks library very important for town</b>	<b>90 (58%)</b>	<b>34 (22%)</b>	<b>22 (14%)</b>	<b>5 (3%)</b>	<b>3 (2%)</b>	<b>5 (-)</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Thinks library important for town</b>	<b>18 (44%)</b>	<b>9 (22%)</b>	<b>7 (17%)</b>	<b>6 (15%)</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>		<b>41</b>
<b>Thinks library not or quite important for town</b>	<b>23 (62%)</b>	<b>4.5 (12%)</b>	<b>3.5 (9%)</b>	<b>3 (8%)</b>	<b>3 (8%)</b>		<b>37</b>
<b>Likely to use library more</b>	<b>78 (58%)</b>	<b>30.5 (23%)</b>	<b>16.5 (12%)</b>	<b>7 (5%)</b>	<b>3 (2%)</b>	<b>4 (-)</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Not likely to use library more</b>	<b>35 (53%)</b>	<b>13 (20%)</b>	<b>11 (17%)</b>	<b>4 (6%)</b>	<b>3 (5%)</b>	<b>2 (-)</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Thinks building very</b>	<b>90 (80%)</b>	<b>11 (10%)</b>	<b>7 (6%)</b>	<b>4 (4%)</b>	<b>1 (1%)</b>		<b>113</b>

<b>important for town</b>							
<b>Thinks building important for town</b>	20 (34%)	23.5 (40%)	12.5 (21%)	3 (4%)		3 (-)	<b>62</b>
<b>Thinks building not important or quite important for town</b>	21 (36%)	13 (22%)	12 (21%)	7 (12%)	5 (8%)	3 (-)	<b>61</b>

In all the subgroups examined, the percentage of those who think it would be better to keep the library in the Bowring Building substantially outnumbers those who think it would be better at Green Hill. There is however some variation: the percentage thinking that it would be better to stay is highest (over 80%: dark shading) among those aged 0-18, those who think that having a library is very important, those who think that the building is important, and those who think they would use the library more if it was open more. Conversely the percentage thinking it would be better to stay is lowest (less than 60%: pale shading) among those who think that the building is not very important for the town.

The second question we asked was whether *“if it is not possible for the library service to stay in the present building”, people would “support the proposed move to Green Hill”*.

As Table 4 shows, opinion is very divided: 52% would support the move if it is not possible for the library to stay in the Bowring Building, but 40% would oppose it, and many of these strongly.

Strongly support	Support	No opinion	Opposed	Strongly opposed	No reply	TOTAL
<b>33 (14%)</b>	<b>87(38%)</b>	<b>18 (8%)</b>	<b>25 (11%)</b>	<b>66 (29%)</b>	<b>10 (-)</b>	<b>239</b>

Table 4

The reasons given are reproduced in Annex B. By far the commonest reason for support – sometimes explicitly reluctant - is that it’s important that the town retains a library, and that this appears to be a viable solution. Other positive reasons given are that Green Hill is a pleasant multipurpose building, and having the library in the same place as other cultural activities. Negative reasons include concern that the Bowring Building would be a drain on community resources, and that it is old-fashioned.

The main reason given for opposition to the move to Green Hill is impacts on the youth club because of loss of space. Frequent doubts are also expressed about the adequacy of space for the library at Green Hill, which would reduce choice of books, space for computers, and space for the groups that use the library. Other reasons include that the space at Green Hill would be unattractive, claustrophobic and more difficult to get to, transitional disruption, the cost of moving, and doubts about longer-term prospects for the youth club and the library. Several respondents ask for other alternatives to be considered, including the hospital, a new building, or a mobile library.

Table 5 examines whether different sub-groups of respondents have different views on support for or opposition to the proposed move if the library cannot stay at the Bowring Building.

	Strongly support	Support	No opinion	Opposed	Strongly opposed	No reply	Total
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>33 (14%)</b>	<b>87(38%)</b>	<b>18 (8%)</b>	<b>25 (11%)</b>	<b>66 (29%)</b>	<b>10 (-)</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>0-18 years old</b>	7 (17%)	4 (10%)	1 (2%)	3 (7%)	27 (64%)	1 (-)	43
<b>19-59 years old</b>	9 (15%)	26 (50%)	8 (13%)	6 (10%)	13 (21%)	4 (-)	66
<b>60+ years old</b>	16(14%)	53 (47%)	8 (7%)	13 (12%)	22 (20%)	4 (-)	116
<b>Living in Moreton</b>	22 (14%)	63 (41%)	14 (9%)	19(13%)	34 (22%)	8 (-)	160
<b>Living in parish but outside Moreton</b>	7 (15%)	13 (28%)	4 (9%)	5 (11%)	17 (37%)	1 (-)	47
<b>Living outside parish</b>	Small 4 (22%)	Sample 7 (39%)			7 (39%)		18
<b>Uses library several times a year or more</b>	27 (19%)	56.5 (39%)	11 (8%)	16 (11%)	35 (24%)	8 (-)	153.5
<b>Uses library less than once a year</b>	5 (7%)	29.5 (37%)	6 (8%)	8 (10%)	31 (39%)	2 (-)	81.5
<b>Thinks library very important for town</b>	26 (17%)	58 (38%)	13 (9%)	22 (14%)	33 (22%)	7 (-)	159
<b>Thinks library important for town</b>	2 (7%)	22 (58%)	3 (8%)	1 (3%)	10 (26%)	2 (-)	40
<b>Thinks library not or quite important for town</b>	5 (14%)	7 (19%)	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	21 (58%)	1 (-)	37
<b>Likely to use library more</b>	24 (18%)	57 (43%)	11 (8%)	13 (10%)	28 (21%)	6 (-)	139
<b>Not likely to use library more</b>	7 (10%)	18 (27%)	4 (6%)	8 (12%)	30 (45%)	1 (-)	68
<b>Thinks building very</b>	10 (9%)	34 (31%)	12 (11%)	18 (16%)	36 (33%)	3 (-)	113

<b>important for town</b>							
<b>Thinks building important for town</b>	9 (15%)	30 (51%)	3 (5%)	5 (8%)	12 (20%)	3 (-)	<b>62</b>
<b>Thinks building not important or quite important for town</b>	12 (21%)	22 (39%)	3 (5%)	2 (4%)	18 (32%)	4 (-)	<b>61</b>

Table 5

As this shows, there are considerable differences between subgroups. The percentage supporting the move to Green Hill is highest (60-70%: darker shading) among those between 19 and 60+, those who think a library is important for the town, those who think they are likely to use the library more if it was open more, and those who think the Bowring Building is less important for the town. Opposition to the move to Green Hill is stronger than support for the move among those who live in the parish but outside Moreton, those who think they are not likely to use the library more if it was open more, and those who think that the Bowring Building is more important for the town, and highest (over 60%) among 0-18 year olds and those who think a library is less important for the town.

People were asked whether they would be willing to help to open the library for longer hours by volunteering, or to make a donation to keep the library in the Bowring Building. 27 people offered to volunteer, two of who said that they already do; 6 offered help conditionally or possibly, and 2 offered help when they were old enough or when they retired. 40 people said they were willing to make a donation.

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Annex A: Reasons for views on whether the library should stay or move if the present building can be made viable.

**Better at the Bowring Building: adults**

It works. Tradition adds social cohesion. Green Hill would not be built for purpose and Youth Centre and Arts constricted.

It's central and I am against moving to the Youth Club.

The central position makes it a very user-friendly place.

It was custom built as a library.

Iconic building.

It is a library - carved on outside! Closer to town.

Esp. if Green Hill less room.

Green Hill has less space for books, and is badly situated on a hill on the town's edge.

Much more level approach; convenience and access particularly for mums and children and older people.

It is and was built as a library, or have you forgotten?

Purpose built with loads of space. Poss[ibility] for expansion and improvement.

The library at Green Hill would affect the Youth [Club].

It will reduce useable space in Green Hill.

Green Hill would be a compromise solution and less suitable as a library / youth club.

More accessible for everyone; building states it is a 'library'.

Green Hill is just not right.

Central location but needs modernising.

The Green Hill centre is not big enough to house a library and its contents.

Easy access.

To avoid negative impact on Youth Club & keep the donated building in public use.

The cost of relocating better spent on library. If it's not used what will happen to building?

Nice and central.

More space for the library.

Proposed site too small and to the detriment of youth services.

Current building centrepiece of town, easily accessible, more space. GIVEN TO TOWN FOR A LIBRARY!!

It is more central.

It is a dedicated space.

Because it belongs there.

Green Hill totally unsuitable & lacking enough space.

Central and excellent facilities.

You'll be pushing others out.

Historical building which needs all support which would be lost if library were to move.

Access to inside.

More space. Will not impinge on youth club. Keeps the building for its intended community use.

Needs to be central to town.

Moving to Green Hill would interfere with youth service and create practical problems for library.

Best use for building, good location.

Green Hill would be a compromise solution and less suitable as a library / youth club.

To avoid negative impact on Youth Club & keep the donated building in public use.

If the building can be renovated, there is great potential for it to fund its own needs.

The present building was built to house it and has no other obvious use.

It works well where it is, both socially and literary!

There isn't very much wrong with the building. It was given to the town. If flats were built upstairs it could finance itself. That information swings it! Why should the Council sell it, close the library and keep the money? It's not theirs to sell.

It is well-used here and I think a central visible library shows good community.

We should keep our great library as it is.

Having a library is most important as we are quite cut off and it is relatively central.

Why move? Bowring Library is a designated building that should have been properly maintained.

More central = better visibility therefore more likely to attract occasional users.

Lovely building.

It will lose purchase in the town.

Nobody would get upset by a move.

The youth club is v important. Wouldn't want this compromised.

Space to accommodate many people.

More space than Green hill - provides for children's area - it would be tragic if youth club at Green Hill was lost.

Yes, most definitely. It's the town library - what else would it be.

Green Hill youth club would suffer for lack of space. The library works well in its present building.

No parking. The library is conveniently placed within the town.

Because there is lots of space and looks nice.

Central position, donated for library use.

I think older people would use it less because the extra distance up hill.

It is the essence of community/society in our town.

More central. Can't think of another use. Wouldn't it be very expensive to convert to flats, more parking would be needed.

The library was built for the people of Moreton. We lost the hospital and this should not be also lost.

More space and less problem for youth club.

Because of its history.

Well known & used, central & accessible.

Presented to the town as a library and named such.

That's what it was built for.

It won't deprive the youth of their centre.

There are other options.

We really enjoy the service as it is. The staff, the layout, access and location really work for us as they are.

I love the old building.

More space for additional library activities at GH but would lose space.

Part of town's history.

The character would be lost and .. you would see an impact upon Green Hill, potentially a negative one.

Easy to get to and people know where it is.



I think it would be better to cultivate an alternative identity to Green Hill.

Convenient!

To preserve building.

Less remote from centre of village.

Less space at Green Hill means less choice of books etc. and less computers. Also don't want MAY adversely affected.

Unless a good use, say for social housing for the elderly, it should be kept for the purpose it was donated for.

I think it's important to keep the building, but not necessarily as a library.

It's the library building!

Its location is good because it's more central than Green Hill.

### **Better at the Bowring Building: children**

It's a great building which suits purpose. Is the alternative to let this building to business. Keep our publicly-shared places.

Because people work in the Green Hill and children love youth club. Plus it is easier for everyone.

Because it's fun for children when it's youth club.

Green Hill is also an important asset to community.

It's a good place.

It works well as it is.

Because youth club is better.

I LOVE youth club.

Cause Green Hill is fine without the library.

Green Hill tiny and we need the club.

It probably wouldn't have enough space for the books at Green Hill.

Because it's in the middle of town.

Because we have a youth club there.

In the youth club we will lose everything.

Because in the [youth] club we will lose everything in the downstairs room.

Youth club more space.

Because I love youth club.

Because I like youth club.

We use the Youth Club.

### **Better at the Bowring Building: age not given**

Historically it is important to the town

Keep both library and youth centre strongly placed.

Green Hill does not have enough space to include the library without compromising the youth club and arts centre.

It is central and on the level - leave it. Elderly or disabled find it central and much easier than going up Green Hill.

It is central and on the level - leave it. Elderly or disabled find it central and much easier than going up Green Hill.

**Don't mind or no response to question: adults**

Explore the hospital building.

I don't know enough about the issues to comment.

As long as we have a library here.

Depends whether rent for whole building over part enough to cover costs wrt Green Hill.

All good as long as a library of good substance somewhere.

Library position not important as long as it is within the town.

Do **not** move to another building.

Abstain - as a Director of MDT.

Neither alternative: the current building is too decrepit and costly. Green Hill is too small and psychologically less accessible.

Needs to be economic and practical.

**Better at Green Hill: adults**

A: So the Bowring Building can be sold. B. Good to have the cultural bits all together.

If only to provide better opening hours.

Length of opening hours. Potentially much better. Less gloomy. Old-fashioned feeling.

Cost-effective to combine with other related services.

It is more likely to be viable in 5 yrs time if it is in a shared building like green Hill. Funding for keeping the building would have to include a long term viable business plan.

A: So the Bowring Building can be sold. B. Good to have the cultural bits all together.

If only because it might be open more.

Library would benefit from being part of arts centre; could share events with gallery & located in a modern welcoming building.

It would affect youth club which is an essential service for town.

If both Green Hill and the Library are struggling for funds it makes sense to combine them.

Green Hill needs "critical mass".

To release the building as a whole.

It is not possible to keep the Bowring Library going based on donations or to ask a board of trustees to be responsible for a money pit.

Help fund Green Hill - save the possible funding for something better and remember funding runs out – it will be needed again some day.

The town does not need another public building which has to be supported by fund-raising.

**Annex B: Reasons for views on whether to support or oppose moving the library to Green Hill if the Bowring Building cannot be made viable.**

**Support move to Green Hill if Bowring Building not viable: adults**

The building unless it can be financed by external funding is a drain on the community and resources.

Green Hill is a much more pleasant environment.

We must have a library - books need to [be] paper to be read, not something read on an IP.

The Bowring building is a money pit which DCC will no longer fund. Short of a miracle

I don't think Moreton can fund it either.

The Bowring Building has an old-fashioned feel not conducive to appealing to young people. It is inconceivable that DCC will stay with Moreton library for more than a year or two in that location. It is the only building that is multipurpose, that is available. This is crucial to future viability and extended opening hours.

Probably the only alternative venue, therefore must be used if we are to keep a library here.

It is important to keep the library at all costs.

It is available to reach easily.

Must keep the library.

It would be a real shame to lose the library services, better to keep it in a community building.

We need a library.

Most viable solution.

A: So the Bowring Building can be sold. B. Good to have the cultural bits all together.

It would be disastrous to have no library in Moreton.

To have a library is crucial (I think). Green Hill is an obvious place, but would limit no of books available etc.

Better than having no library at all.

Don't want to lose service.

Cost-effective to combine with other related services.

I would reluctantly support it rather than lose library.

Moreton needs a library.

Better than no library.

But simply because we should not lose our valuable library service.

Good place if the existing building could be converted.

Need library.

Next best alternative.

Probably the most practical alternative.

No.

Only support if no alternative.

Moreton must have a library somewhere.

It is v. important to have a library.

Concerned that youth club may be impacted. If helpful to club would support.

Rather have a library than not.

Support only if no alternative in order to keep library in Moreton.

Only because there are no viable alternatives. The space for the library will be limited at Green Hill & the youth club will have less space so both will lose out.

Yes if feasible and if "best" available option.

The next best idea.

A: So the Bowring Building can be sold. B. Good to have the cultural bits all together.

As long as it isn't to the detriment of the youth club.

If reducing costs means that we'll keep the library, yes, would support. But only if it can be run alongside the youth club and doesn't detract from that.

Having said that, we would rather support a move to see the library service continue in Moretonhampstead than object based on an aesthetic or historic perspective - we reserve a judgement on other aspects as we have yet to see the proposed functionality of a move.

I would support strongly were it not for the youth club problem.

Better to have library at Green Hill than no library.  
I would prefer to keep the library.  
Important to retain permanent library in the town, and not detract from Green Hill.  
It is suitable and gallery/library works.  
Town needs a library.  
You may get extra people using the library if they are going to Green Hill anyway.  
At least we could keep a library service

**Support move to Green Hill if Bowring Building not viable: children**

A library in some form is a lot better than none.  
Library is essential to community.  
Great for children to get used to and enjoy using a local library.  
it is really important to have access to a local library, adults and children alike.  
Because if it did I wouldn't mind.  
A permanent library service is important.  
Having a library is priority.  
I think it's important to have a library.

**Support move to Green Hill if Bowring Building not viable: age not given**

Only if necessary.  
Better to move it than have no library at all.

**"I don't mind": adults**

Town needs a library.  
I don't know enough about the issues to comment.  
I understand that it will be with the youth centre. Not ideal - we should make space for the young.  
It is important we retain our library - but it is also important for us to retain space for our youth club.  
Is there any other alternative because the youth club needs both rooms for their equipment and play.

**Oppose move to Green Hill even if Bowring Building not viable: adults**

Space problem; why can't we cherish something old?  
Object to use of Youth Club space - very strongly. Don't know enough about how it would work.  
Don't think Green Hill activities and Library are complementary. Not in town centre.  
Less space for which extra opening hours would not compensate. Would not be good to take space from youth club.  
Unattractive and inconvenient space.  
If the Green Hill plan be adopted the cost of so doing plus the loss of use for the youth club and awaiting a working library would be considerable. Why on earth not concentrate on funding the £6000 pa shortfall by subscription.  
Not keen on Green Hill.  
2 big disadvantages: 1 It would impact on the youth club; 2 The library would be smaller, and for elderly people (like me) more difficult to get to. It is a sociable & friendly place to meet now –

especially so when the children come on Saturday.

I think it should stay in council hands and not sold.

Small flats upstairs to support the upkeep of the building.

Green Hill is a "solution" that will create other problems.

If the Green Hill plan be adopted the cost of so doing plus the loss of use for the youth club and awaiting a working library would be considerable. Why on earth not concentrate on funding the £6000 pa shortfall by subscription.

I'm opposed because of the impact on Youth. Green Hill staff can be very unwelcoming.

It will be a burden on Green Hill and the development Trust.

Because of the youth club and other activities held in that building.

I feel very strongly that a library should be retained in Moretonhampstead however moving it to the Green Hill Centre will clearly have a negative impact on the Youth Club. This is an essential service for 8-18 year olds in our town/community. Over the past few years the quality and range of activities offered has developed and there is now a strong capable team in place providing a fun, safe and supportive environment. This should not be reduced or removed as the value of this group for local children / teenagers cannot be measured. Green Hill is currently a great base for the Youth Club with space for a consistently growing number, three nights a week. Restricting their use of the rooms or how they can use them will, without question, reduce the range and quality of the activities.

Because of youth club.

The Youth Club should not be used except for youth.

Green Hill - white elephant - move Green Hill to the library building and sell that off. Where will the youth go - Green Hill could bring their life and make an excellent gallery in the top rooms.

I'm sure the Green Hill building would make much more money.

Too many people would be taken out of reach of the library, and book choice would be limited.

Additional sheet with detailed comments about the value and importance of the youth club, and that it would be wrong to change and upset current provision.

Disrupt both the youth club & gallery.

Too far from centre for older folk [who] would stop using.

Provide a mobile library - no staff problems or maintenance, rates etc.

As above.

Library would lose its central location and loss of amenities at Green hill.

The Green Hill centre is not big enough to house a library and its contents.

Too small. I am used to it where it is.

Not so central for people. Less space for actual books, limiting for other library activities.

Claustrophobic room. \*TOTALLY UNFAIR TO YOUTH CLUB WHO DESPERATELY [NEED] THE SPACE FOR GROWING NUMBERS. CHILDREN NEED AS MUCH SPACE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE EXCELLENT ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR THEM HERE\*

As above!

It would reduce space for the youth club and for the library.

That's not central.

Poorer location for library; damaging impacts on youth club - both would suffer and might finally close.

It will impact on the youth club and the gallery. Selling space would be lost due to the new door.

The space at Green Hill is for the Youth Club - they need that. The library is the library.

Most people will probably support the move to Green Hill because it hasn't been made very clear how the library building could actually finance itself. Also children have very little say in these matters. I think the youth club is a fantastic and important resource for the children and community.

As far as I'm concerned, Green Hill is already serving an essential service.

The proposal is to compromise the youth club space and the club would lose out.

Green Hill is a vital resource for children and does not have free space.

If it moves to The Yard.

Pointless wasting money moving, and a waste of a beautiful building if it's not used for the people of Moretonhampstead.

Others will be pushed out.

Unless moving to the gallery.

Not enough space at Green Hill for youth club and library - they would probably both close within a year.

If the library is going - let it go. Do not move it.

Because the youth club would have to move then the council will be moaning the kids are wrecking the town.

### **Oppose move to Green Hill even if Bowring Building not viable: children**

Because youth club.

I'm learning so many things every day, familiarity is important to me. I love the library where it is.

Because youth club is great fun and you would be stopping youth club.

Because people love youth club and some people will lose their jobs if they work at Green Hill.

Because it will close the youth down.

The club uses the building.

I'm in the youth club; we like that area and want it.

Because youth club is important.

Because we have a youth club at Green Hill.

Because I like youth club.

Because a lot of people use youth club.

### **Oppose move to Green Hill even if Bowring Building not viable: age not given**

I would suggest that an alternative building or a new build should be provided.

Once the library itself goes - that's the end of our Bowring Library. Could you not make some flats out of upper rooms and get some revenue back? . It would be good to see it put to use.

How much more can go into Green Hill?

Every effort should be made to keep it at Bowring. Green Hill is trading at a loss & if it were to close the library would be lost with it.

### **No reply to question: reason given**

I think any community venture is to be supported.

Neither alternative: the current building is too decrepit and costly. Green Hill is too small and psychologically less accessible. I would support the library wherever located but to gain the footfall it requires to survive feel more lateral thinking needs to be applied.

I would not support any move which affected youth services in Moreton.

