



SANDERSTEAD LIBRARY

You are no doubt aware of the perilous state of Croydon Council's finances. Actions required to address the deficit and the closure of libraries, including Sanderstead, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic could result in it never re-opening.

The Localism Act 2011 gave communities a number of rights to help them take greater control over the way their local area develops and the way services are provided. One of these rights is to help communities keep buildings that they value in community use. The law requires the Council to make sure it is satisfied that property nominated as a community asset "enhances the social interests and social wellbeing of the local community". Organisations wishing to nominate a property must therefore provide evidence that:

- (a) an actual current use of the building furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and
- (b) there can continue to be use of the building which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

Sanderstead Residents Association, in addition to supporting the campaign for re-opening, believe that the library meets the above criteria and should be placed on the 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) register to enable its continuing use not only as a library but as a possible community focal point.

The library is a locally listed building and whilst such buildings do not require consent for development work, the council undertake the building's historic and architectural character into account in planning application decisions.

In order to nominate an asset we must demonstrate that we are a group of people with a strong local connection to the nominated property for listing and is an unincorporated group with at least 21 members registered to vote in Croydon. It should be noted that whilst the minimum number of 21 is required for an application to be considered, the greater number of signatures the better.

I am asking any person who is on the Croydon Electoral Register, their address is registered as a member of the Residents Association and who supports the retention of the library, to sign the attached nomination form and return it to me, please by either e-mail, post or by hand to:

jgibbons8@tiscali.co.uk or

8 The Ridge Way, Sanderstead, South Croydon CR2 0LE

You may contact me with any queries or collection of signature forms on the above e-mail or 020 8657 2624.

Jim Gibbons,
Vice chair,
Sanderstead Residents Association

Useful Links:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/advice/localism/assets-of-community-value-community-right-to-bid>

<https://new.croydon.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/planning/planning-policy/conservation-and-heritage/locally-listed-buildings>