

Library Strategy Engagement, Co-design and Consultation Summary 2025

In-person engagement

In-person engagement took place in 8 libraries during May and June 2025. Muswell Hill was closed at the time of engagement.

Additional engagement took place in Hornsey and Coombes Croft Libraries in October 2025 to support the development of individual library plans.

Engagement in primary and secondary schools (5 schools/6 visits) and the Youth Panel took place during June and July 2025 as well as targeted engagement with students in Hornsey Library and Wood Green Library.

Schools visited were: Alexandra Park Primary School, Alexandra Park Secondary School, Noel Park Primary School, Greig City Academy, and Highgate Wood School, with two visits made to Highgate Wood School across different year groups (after school bookclub and a Year 7 group).

Regular engagement with FORE and Friends of Libraries during spring – autumn 2025 including 2 parallel in person library strategy workshops in March and April 2025 one at Hornsey Library and one in Alexandra House.

From these workshops an open invitation to form a Library Strategy co-design steering group was made public. The members of this group met 3 times between June and August 2025.

The co-design steering group worked across 3 sessions to:

- Agree proposed strategy principles
- Formulate Commonplace survey questions
- Contribute to the development of strategic priorities based on public feedback

Digital Engagement and Draft Library Strategy Consultation

Digital engagement during 2025 has taken place via the project page at <https://haringeylibraries.commonplace.is/>

Regarding digital engagement via survey, there were 841 contributions from 428 respondents across the following surveys:

Survey	Contributions Received	Survey Open for Contributions
Shaping the strategy – have your say on proposed principles	280	29 th July – 14 th September
Library visitors	286	29 th July – 14 th September
People who don't visit libraries	67	29 th July – 14 th September
Technology in libraries	156	13 th August – 14 th September
Draft Library Strategy consultation	52	24 th September 2025 - 4 th November 2025

All surveys were made available on request as print on demand in libraries.

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The consultation on the draft Library Strategy ran between 24th September 2025 and 4th November 2025 inclusive.

The survey received a total of 53 responses

52 responses were received via <https://haringeylibraries.commonplace.is/> with 1 response received via email.

Comms

The Libraries Strategy survey was shared via:

- Haringey People Extra newsletter
- Other newsletters e.g. Homezone
- Haringey Council social media channels (X, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Nextdoor)
- Digital screens on High Streets, council offices and libraries
- Friends of Libraries communications channels

Direct emails

6052 Commonplace subscribers subscribed to all new Commonplace project notifications were emailed about the 3 surveys launched in July.

1065 Commonplace subscribers subscribed to updates about library project notifications were emailed about the Technology in Libraries survey launched in August

1405 Commonplace subscribers subscribed to updates about library project notifications were emailed about the draft Library Strategy launched in September.