

Hornsey Library update March 2019

The Hornsey project has progressed and in the past few months we have:

- Had a new gas fired boiler fitted which will be operational in the next few weeks. To ensure continuity in the heating of the building over the winter, temporary boilers have been installed and these are fully operational. Additional work to the heating system, including replacing the underfloor heating, will be carried out when the main refurbishment work is done.
- Had maintenance work carried out on some of the trees in preparation for the improvements that will be made to the paving along the library frontage as part of the main refurbishment.
- Been out to tender for a contractor(s) for the scheme of refurbishment works. We are currently reviewing the tender returns.
- Worked hard with our conservation officers to ensure that the works are done in a way that preserves the integrity of this special and highly valued building. As there are some conservation considerations still being assessed, we may need to refine the scheme of works to incorporate any changes that may be required.

Once the contract for works has been awarded, we will be able to publicise the specific start date of the work and the expected timeframe. Currently we expect the work to start in the summer and we will ensure this is planned to achieve the minimum disruption to our customers and stakeholders.

We will also at this stage provide more detailed information about the schedule of work with customers and stakeholders, so that they are aware of what is being done and when. It will include some information around potential types of furniture and colour schemes.

This project has grown from £1million to circa £3million to include essential repairs and maintenance. Following extensive consultation with the conservation team, we are anticipating receiving planning approval/ listed consent within the next couple of weeks or so. These updates, that were developed with the conservation team have been communicated with the four contractors that had previously submitted tenders for the works and new tender returns that reflect these changes have just been received. Once the tenders have been evaluated, we will make a recommendation to Cabinet regarding the preferred contractor. Works on site will commence 5-6 weeks after the contractor has been appointed and take an estimated 30 weeks to complete, concluding in early 2020. The latest designs will be displayed in Hornsey library for final comments before work commences.