

Mobile Library Consultation

Survey for children and young people under 16

This survey is for children and young people to complete by themselves or with help from their parents/guardians. Parents of children under 11 can also complete the main survey [\[link\]](#) on behalf of their family if they prefer. Please only complete the survey once for each child.

We are thinking about how to make sure we use the Essex Mobile Libraries in the best possible way, and we need your help to understand all the things we need to think about to help us make this decision.

Mobile Libraries are trucks filled with books and information that travel around, stopping in villages and other mostly rural places in Essex. Mobile Libraries are less popular than they used to be and the vehicles are getting too old to keep using.

This survey has some questions that we would like you to give your views on. You don't have to answer all the questions, but it would be really helpful if you could. You can stop filling in the survey at any time. Once we have all the completed surveys, a report will be written to help those people who will be making decisions about how mobile libraries will be used in the future.

You do not have to give us any details about yourself but if you do this will help us keep track of who is answering these questions (for example how many boys, how many girls, how old and where they live). We will not give your name in any reports we write, but you may see some of the things you have said in the report.

Before we start, does one of your parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to you completing this survey? We need to ask this as we would like to use your answers to help the Council decide what we do next.

Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Do you have an Essex Libraries card? (Please tick)

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐

Do you use the mobile library service?

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Yes, a lot Yes, a bit ☐ No, not a lot ☐ No, not at all

2. Please tell us which mobile library you use or if you prefer, please tell us the name of the street or location where you use the mobile library?

3. _____ Do you also use a library building? Please name the one you use most often [Drop down list of 74 libraries provided]

[Basildon](#)

[Billericay](#)

[Braintree](#)

[Brentwood](#)

[Brightlingsea](#)

[Broomfield](#)

[Buckhurst Hill](#)

[Burnham-on-Crouch](#)

[Canvey Island](#)

[Chelmsford](#)

[Chigwell](#)

[Chipping Ongar](#)

[Clacton](#)

[Coggeshall](#)

[Colchester](#)

[Danbury](#)

[Debden](#)

[Dunmow](#)

[Earls Colne](#)

[Epping](#)

[Frinton](#)

[Fryerns](#)

[Galleywood](#)

[Great Baddow](#)

[Great Parndon](#)

[Great Tarpots](#)

[Great Wakering](#)

[Greenstead](#)

[Hadleigh](#)

[Halstead](#)

[Harlow](#)

[Harwich](#)

[Hatfield Peverel](#)

[Hockley](#)

[Holland](#)

[Hullbridge](#)

[Ingatestone](#)

[Kelvedon](#)

[Laindon](#)

[Loughton](#)

[Maldon](#)

[Manningtree](#)

[Mark Hall](#)

[North Melbourne](#)

[North Weald](#)

[Old Harlow](#)

[Pitsea](#)

[Prettygate](#)

[Rayleigh](#)

[Rochford](#)

[Saffron Walden](#)

[Shenfield](#)

[Sible Hedingham](#)

[Silver End](#)

[South Benfleet](#)

[South Woodham Ferrers](#)

[Southminster](#)

[Springfield](#)

[Stansted](#)

[Stanway](#)

[Stock](#)

[Thaxted](#)

[Tiptree](#)

[Tye Green](#)

[Vange](#)

[Waltham Abbey](#)

[Walton](#)

[West Clacton](#)

[West Mersea](#)

[Wickford](#)

[Wickham Bishops](#)

[Witham](#)

[Wivenhoe](#)

[Writtle](#)

4. If you use a mobile library, how do you travel to it?

- I use it at my school ☐
- I walk ☐
- I go by car ☐
- I go by bus ☐
- I go by train ☐
- I use my bicycle ☐
- I get there in another way ☐

5. If you use a library building how do you travel to it?

- I use it at my school ☐
- I walk ☐
- I go by car ☐
- I go by bus ☐
- I go by train ☐
- I use my bicycle ☐
- I get there in another way ☐

6. Do you use any other library services? Tick all that apply

- Home Library Service ☐
- online bookings ☐

If you use other library services, please tell us which ones

7. These are some of the ideas for how the Mobile Library Service might be provided in the future, please tell us what you think about them.

a. Remove mobile library stops if the stop is less than two miles from another library building

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

b. Remove mobile library stops if the stop has had no visitors in the last six months.

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not Sure ☐

c. Have just one stop in each community

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not Sure ☐

d. Increase the minimum time the mobile library stops at each place to 30 minutes (some currently are, and some are not).

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

e. The mobile library could visit fewer stops

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

f. The mobile library could visit each stop once every three weeks.

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

g. The mobile library could visit each stop once every four weeks.

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

h. The mobile library could run on more days than it does now and later in the day. (Stops at your preferred day or time cannot be guaranteed.)

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Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Not sure ☐

Please tell us why you have put the answers above?

Is there anything else you think we should know to decide where mobile library stops should be?

Impact of potential changes

8. If the stop for the mobile library you use was taken away, could you use any other library services?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Not sure ☐

Would you like to tell us anything else?

Would you like to add anything else that has not been covered above?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Do you have any other ideas about how we can provide a mobile library service that would work better for people and that was affordable?

Yes

No

Thank you for giving us your views.

Under the Data Protection Act we have a legal duty to protect any information we collect from you. This information will only be used for the purposes described above and will not be kept longer than is necessary to do so, up to a maximum of two years. We will not share your personal details with another agency unless we have concerns that you or another individual may be at risk of harm.

About you

Does one of your parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to you completing this section of the survey? We need to ask this as we would like to have views from across all people who live in Essex as much as we can.

Yes

No

Parental Consent

I give permission for my child to answer these questions.

Name of child/young person_____

Relationship to child/young person_____

Parent/guardian's name_____

1. Which district/borough do you live in?

- ☐ Basildon
- ☐ Braintree
- ☐ Brentwood
- ☐ Castle Point
- ☐ Chelmsford
- ☐ Colchester
- ☐ Epping Forest
- ☐ Harlow
- ☐ Maldon
- ☐ Rochford
- ☐ Tendring

- ☐ Uttlesford
- ☐ Other, please state

2. What is your post code?

3. What is your age?

0-7 8-11 12-16

4. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Prefer to use my own term _____

Prefer not to say

5. What is your ethnicity?

- ☐ White British
- ☐ White Irish
- ☐ White Other
- ☐ Gypsy / Roma
- ☐ Traveller of Irish Heritage
- ☐ Black or Black British African
- ☐ Black or Black British Caribbean
- ☐ Mixed White/Black African
- ☐ Mixed White/Black Caribbean
- ☐ Black Other
- ☐ Asian or Asian British Pakistani
- ☐ Asian or Asian British Indian
- ☐ Asian or Asian British Other
- ☐ Mixed White/Asian
- ☐ Asian Other
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Mixed Other
- ☐ Not Known
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other, please specify

6. What is your religion/faith?

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- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ None
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other, please state

7. Do you consider yourself to have an impairment and/or a disability?

Yes/ No

8. If yes, which of the following would best describe your impairment/disability?

- ☐ Physical Impairment
- ☐ Sensory Impairment
- ☐ Mental Health Needs
- ☐ Learning Difficulty or Disability
- ☐ Other, please specify