



**CONSULTATION REPORT**  
**MONIFIETH LEARNING CAMPUS**  
**PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE MONIFIETH LIBRARY**  
**September 2021**

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## **1. Purpose of the Consultation.**

We consulted on the proposal to include Monifieth Public Library within the new Monifieth Learning Campus.

A previous consultation was carried out between 23 March 2021 and 21 April 2021 to establish the opportunities available to the Council for inclusion in the Monifieth Learning Campus project. The outcomes of this consultation were reported to Angus Council committee in June 2021 (Committee Report [222/21](#)). While the consultation had a significant response, there were concerns on the level of accessibility of the survey to existing library users when the library facility was not fully operating. It was agreed at this committee to undertake further consultation with the Monifieth community regarding the inclusion, or otherwise, of a relocated library within the new Monifieth Learning Campus.

Across this consultation period a total of 199 responses were provided. The consultees were made up of the following:

- 179 online responses
- 20 hard copy responses.

## **2. List of Consultees notified.**

The consultation was undertaken online and ran from 13 September 2021 until 27 September 2021. Hard copies of the consultation were also available for completion from Monifieth Library during the period.

The following people/ groups were specifically notified of the opportunity to provide their views via the online consultation:

- Public
- Community Groups
- Existing users of ANGUSsalive libraries originally registered in Monifieth Public Library

Specific community groups were also contacted by Angus Council's Communities Officer for Carnoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw, via an email providing information and links to the consultation:

- Monifieth Community Council
- Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council
- Murroes & Wellbank Community Council
- Auchterhouse Community Council
- Monifieth Parish Church
- Monifieth Befriender
- Monifieth Community Resource Group
- Monifieth Athletic Football Club

### **3. Consultation Methodology.**

The consultation was published via a dedicated webpage created to provide online users with further information relating to the proposal. The webpage contained an information pack which detailed the background to the project, information on the previous public consultation and details of the opportunity to include Monifieth Library within the new development. The webpage also contained a link to the online survey where the public were encouraged to leave their views.

The consultation was published on 13 September 2021 and closed on 27 September 2021.

The consultation was also available at Monifieth Library to complete by hand, for those who did not wish to complete the online survey.

The online consultation was promoted via Angus Council Social Media platforms; existing users of ANGUSsalive libraries originally registered in Monifieth Public Library; and to identified community groups.

The Facebook post advertising the consultation on 13 September 2021 reached a total of 5459 people. The post via Twitter on the same date was seen a total of 1196 times (post impressions). A second Facebook post was released on 23 September 2021 and this reached 4391 people, with the second Twitter post on the same date reaching 1558 people (post impressions).

Each participant online was invited to provide responses to the following questions:

1. Do you currently use Monifieth Library?
- 2a. If you answered yes to Question 1, would you continue to use the public library if relocated as part of Monifieth Learning Campus?
- 2b. If you answered no to Question 1, would you start to use a public library facility as part of the Monifieth Learning Campus?
3. Please provide details of any opportunities or barriers to your use of the relocated library facility within a Monifieth Learning Campus.
4. Please use the box below to add and comments regarding the proposal you wish to make us aware of.

#### **4. Summary of Consultation – Background**

The consultation was published online and was available for interested parties to complete a questionnaire from 13 September 2021 until 27 September 2021. There was also the opportunity to complete the questionnaire in Monifieth Library, for those who did not wish to complete the survey online.

There were 20 hard copy questionnaires received.

There were 179 questionnaires completed online. Analysis of the responses showed that:

- 166 responses were from unique IP addresses
- 13 responses were provided from 6 duplicate IP addresses. These were generally two submissions per IP address, however one IP addresses provided three responses. As the level of multiple responses was limited and may be due to there being multiple members of a single household all responses were included.

A total of 199 valid questionnaires were received across both methods. The respondents were as follows:

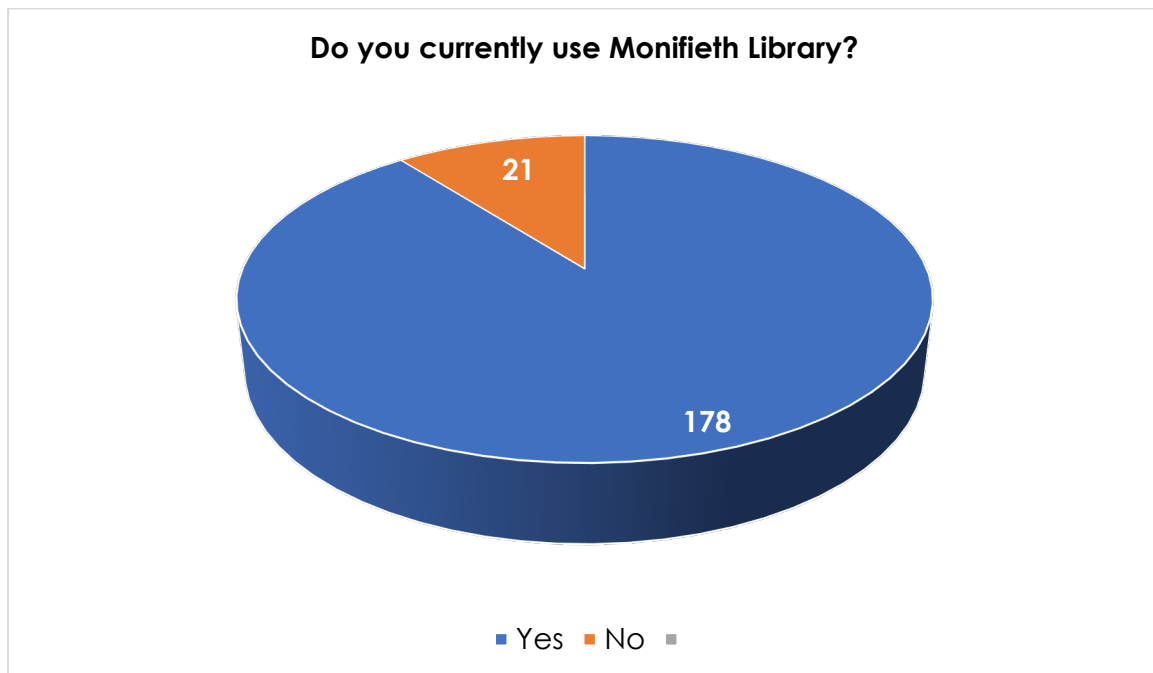
- 178 respondents who currently use Monifieth Public Library
- 21 respondents who currently do not use Monifieth Public Library.

## 5. Summary of Consultation – Responses

### 5.1 Responses to Question 1

Respondents were asked if they currently use Monifieth Library. The following responses were received:

- 178 (89.45%) of respondents stated yes.
- 21 (10.55%) of respondents stated no.

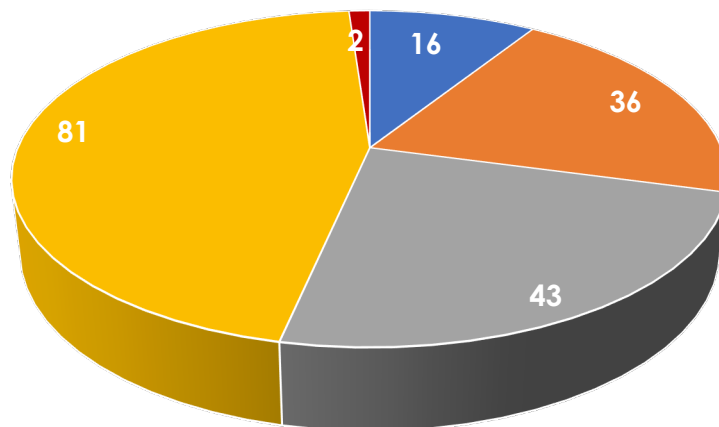


## 5.2 Responses to Question 2A

Respondents were asked if they answered yes to Question 1, would they continue to use the public library if relocated as part of Monifieth Learning Campus. The responses received were as follows:

- 16 (8.99%) of 178 respondents stated Yes, I would use the library more.
- 36 (20.22%) of 178 respondents said Yes, I would use the library the same.
- 43 (24.16%) of 178 respondents stated Yes, but I would use the library less.
- 81 (45.51%) of 178 respondents stated No, I would likely stop using the library.
- Two (1.12%) of 178 respondents did not provide a response.

**If you answered yes, would you use a relocated public library facility as part of the Monifieth learning Campus?**



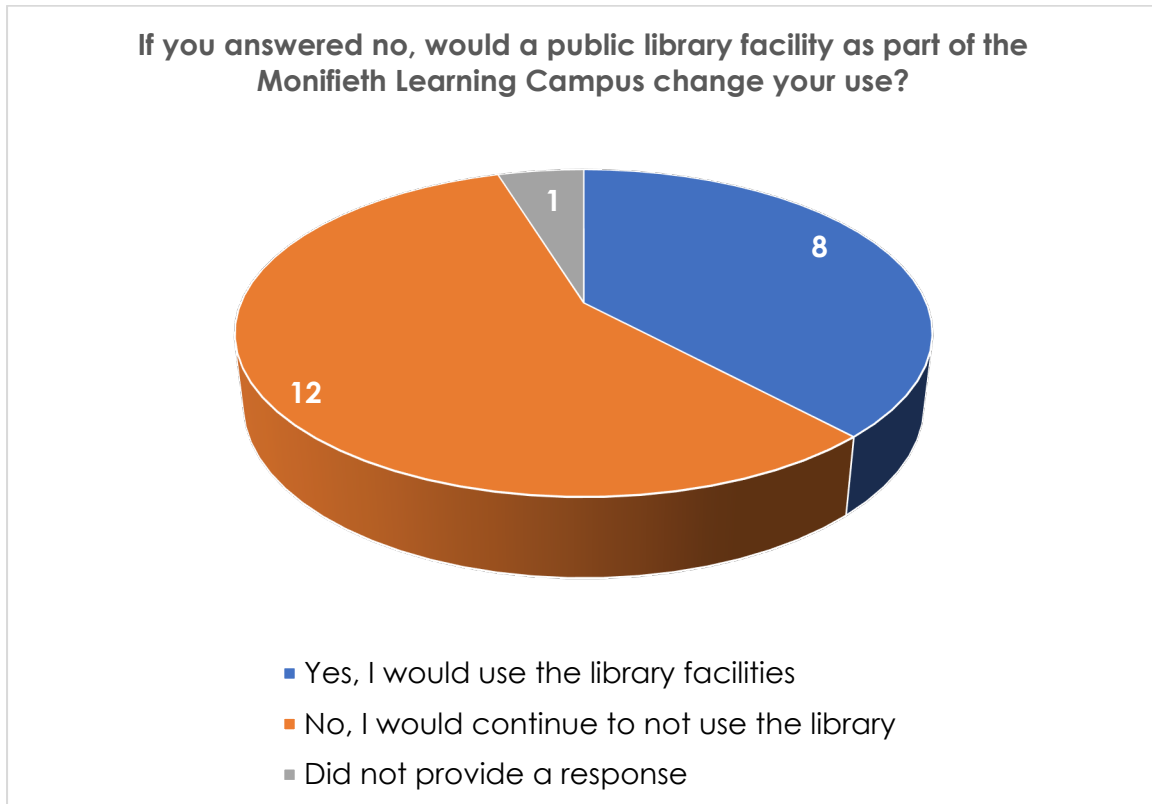
- Yes, I would use the library more
- Yes, I would use the library the same
- Yes, but I would use the library less
- No, I would likely stop using the library
- Did not provide a response



### 5.3 Responses to Question 2B

Respondents were asked if they answered no to Question 1, would they start to use a public library facility as part of Monifieth Learning Campus. The responses received were as follows:

- Eight (38.10%) of 21 respondents stated Yes, I would use the library facilities.
- 12 (57.14%) of 21 respondents stated No, I would continue to not use the library facilities.
- One (5%) of 21 respondents did not provide a response.



## **5.4 Responses to Question 3**

Respondents were asked to provide details of any opportunities or barriers to their use of a relocated library facility within a Monifieth learning Campus. 170 (85.43%) of respondents provided a response.

### **5.4.1 Responses by current library users who would use the library less or stop using the library if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus**

124 of respondents who currently use Monifieth Library stated that they would use the library less (43) or would stop using the library (81) if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus. 91.20% of these respondents (114) provided comments.

One response identified an opportunity as follows:

- Good links for school children.

111 responses identified barriers which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern on location, away from town centre;
- Concern on the accessibility of Monifieth learning Campus location;
- Concern on the effect on the High Street as a result of relocation away from the town centre;
- Concern on sharing the library within a learning campus setting.
- Concern on existing library operational issues.

### **5.4.2 Responses by current library users who would use the library the same or more if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus**

52 respondents who currently use Monifieth Library stated that they would use the library the same (36) or more (16) if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus. 82.69% of these respondents (43) provided comments.

18 responses identified opportunities which can be summarised as follows

- Advantage of location;
- Benefits from being collocated within a learning campus;
- Potential for increased opening hours;
- Potential improved facilities.

25 responses identified barriers which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern on location, away from town centre;
- Concern on the accessibility of Monifieth learning Campus location;
- Concern on the effect on the High Street as a result of relocation away from the town centre;
- Concern on sharing the library within a learning campus setting;
- Concern on existing library operational issues.

### **5.4.3 Responses by non-current library users who would continue to not use the library if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus**

12 respondents who currently do not use Monifieth Library stated that they would continue not to use the library if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus. 58.33% of these respondents (seven) provided comments.

There were no responses identifying an opportunity.

Seven responses identified barriers which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern on location, away from town centre;
- Concern on the accessibility of Monifieth learning Campus location;
- Concern on sharing the library within a learning campus setting;

### **5.4.4 Responses by non-current library users who would use the library if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus**

Eight respondents who currently do not use Monifieth Library stated that they would use the library if relocated to Monifieth Learning Campus. 75% of these respondents (six) provided comments.

Five responses identified an opportunity as follows:

- Advantage of location;
- Benefits from being collocated within a learning campus;
- Potential improved facilities.

One response identified a barrier which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern on location, away from town centre;

## **5.5 Responses to Question 4**

Respondents were asked to provide any additional comments regarding the proposal they wished to make us aware of. Many used this as an opportunity to reiterate or reinforce a previous comment from question 3. 119 (59.80%) of respondents provided a response.

The responses have been interpreted into the following summary:

- 61 responses noted concern on the proposed location, away from town centre;
- 49 responses noted concern on the accessibility of Monifieth learning Campus location;
- 11 responses noted concern on the effect on the High Street as a result of relocation away from the town centre;
- 22 responses noted concern on locating the library within a learning campus setting;
- Eight responses noted potential benefits on locating the library within a learning campus;

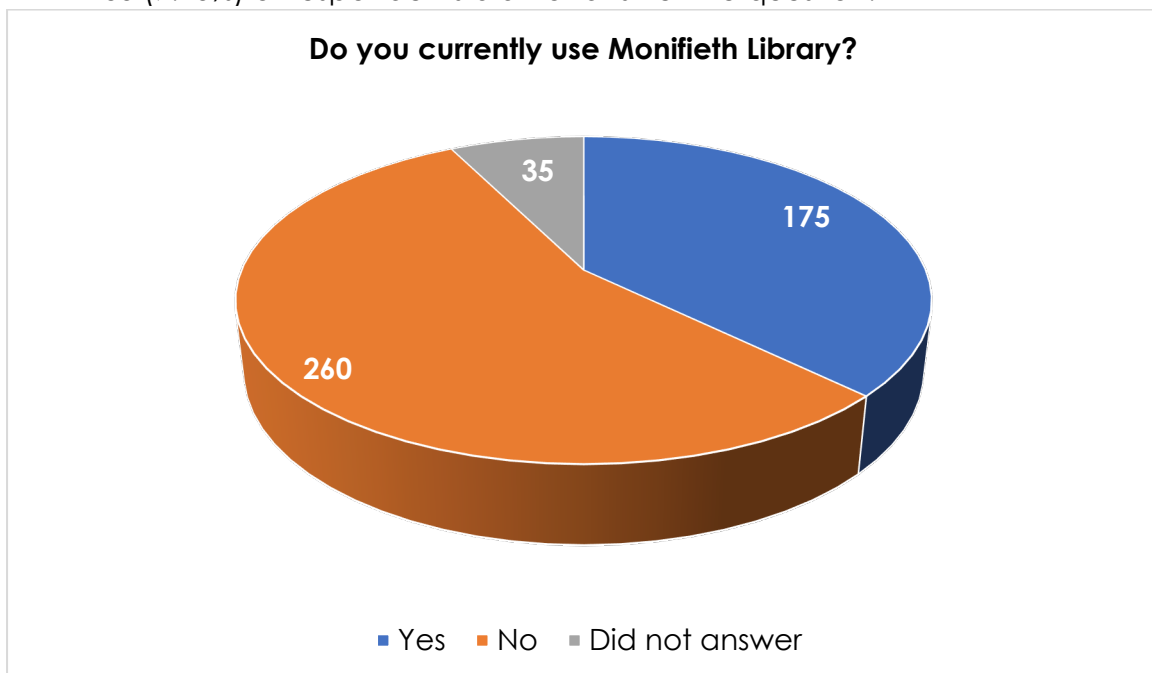
- 12 responses noted concern on existing library operational issues.
- Two responses noted potential benefits for increased opening hours or long term security of the library if relocated.
- Five responses noted potential improved facilities if the library relocated.

## 6. Previous Public Consultation

A previous consultation was carried out between 23 March 2021 and 21 April 2021 to establish the opportunities available to the Council for inclusion in the Monifieth Learning Campus project. The question specifically relating to the inclusion of Monifieth Library within the learning campus provided the following results:

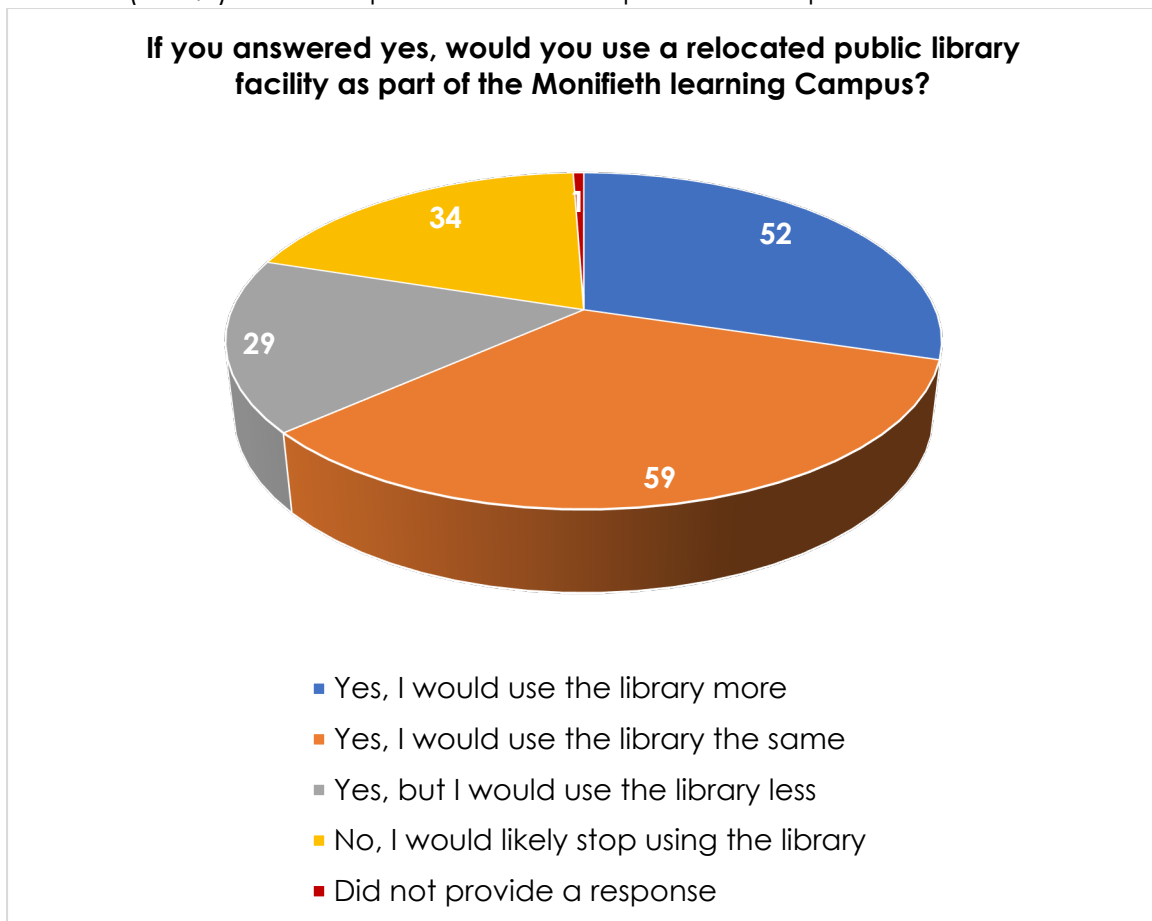
Respondents were asked if they currently use Monifieth Library, located within town centre of the village. The following responses were received:

- 175 (37.23%) of respondents stated yes.
- 260 (55.32%) of respondents stated no.
- 35 (7.45%) of respondents did not answer the question.



Respondents were asked if they answered yes to using Monifieth Library in its current location, would they use a relocated public library facility as part of Monifieth Learning Campus. The responses received were as follows:

- 52 (29.71%) of 175 respondents stated Yes, I would use the library more.
- 59 (33.71%) of 175 respondents said Yes, I would use the library the same.
- 29 (16.57%) of 175 respondents stated Yes, but I would use the library less.
- 34 (19.43%) of 175 respondents stated No, I would likely stop using the library.
- 1 (0.57%) of 175 respondents did not provide a response.

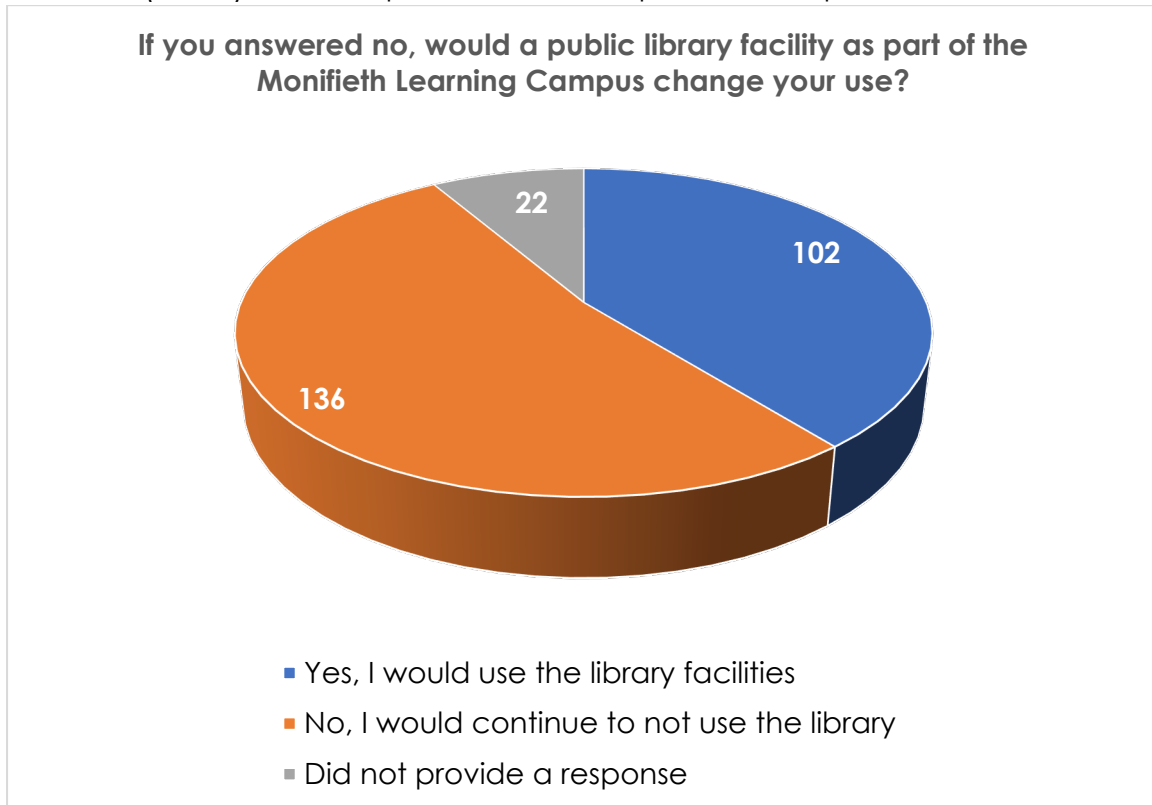


Of the 175 respondents who currently use the library, 65 provided a comment to identify opportunities or barriers to their use of a relocated library facility at Monifieth learning Campus. These can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns regarding noise.
- Concerns regarding transport links and parking.
- Preference for a centrally located library.
- Security concerns for the school.
- Library would become a familiar environment for young people.
- Access difficulties, particularly for older people or those with disabilities.
- Impact on the high street if library relocated.
- Preference for later opening hours.
- No clear benefit for people who live in rural areas outside the town.
- Potentially intimidating for older people.

Respondents were asked if they answered no to using Monifieth Library in its current location, would a public library facility as part of the Monifieth Learning Campus change their use. The responses received were as follows:

- 102 (39.23%) of 260 respondents stated Yes, I would use the library facilities.
- 136 (52.31%) of 260 respondents stated No, I would continue to not use the library facilities.
- 22 (8.46%) of 260 respondents did not provide a response.



Of the 260 respondents who currently do not use the library, 53 provided a comment to identify opportunities or barriers to their use of a relocated library facility at Monifieth learning Campus. These can be summarised as follows:

- Concern regarding access to facility.
- Preference for a centrally located library.
- Preference for accessing books online.
- Minimal benefit for rural communities.
- Preference for extended opening hours.
- Improved opportunities for parking and access on foot.
- Facilities would be improved.
- Security concerns for the school.
- Interest in wider activities that could be offered e.g. clubs, baby and toddler groups, learning opportunities.
- Impact on community.
- Access difficulties, particularly for older people or those with disabilities.
- Concerns regarding transport links and parking.

## **7. Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Library Consultation Responses – September 2021**

See link:-

<http://opendata.angus.gov.uk/dataset/1d49f9cb-b983-468e-add4-6820f5e0f664/resource/9cdf66b5-7b71-49d2-bfcd-d8819cfb6f0d/download/monifieth-public-library-consultation-open-data.xlsx>

### **Appendix 2 – Previous Consultation Responses – Monifieth Learning Campus – May 2021**

See link:-

<http://opendata.angus.gov.uk/dataset/monifieth-learning-campus-survey-responses>