

LIBRARY CLOSURES

WHO thought it was a good idea to close libraries and, in particular, Darlington's library in Cockerton?

The difference between man and the animal kingdom is man's search for knowledge, which the library fulfils.

This issue should be above politics. There are a large number of elderly residents of Cockerton and the west end of Darlington who use the library. How are they supposed to walk or take a cycle ride to reach the town's main public library?

Also, Cockerton offers free parking and is a good retail centre, so it meets all their needs.

People also use the library for computer use and it may be their only access to the internet.

Who is going to pay for school children to be transported into town to the main library in Crown Street so they can learn about the joy of reading?

Also, if people have to go into town to the library it stands to reason that they will do their shopping in town and not in the local village shops, which could turn into another retail wilderness.

The council expenditure on library services is one of the lowest in the area already. They should be talking of increasing financial aid, when the budget allows, not closing the doors.

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