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Dear Brian

Re: Bristol Central Library

Thank for your letter. I apologise for the delay in replying.

There is indeed a proposal to give over the bottom two floors of the Central Library to create a two form of entry primary school for the Cathedral School.

The following points will give context:

There is an acute need to find sites for expanding primary education, required in this city on an unprecedented scale. We are receiving some of the largest allocations of funding nationwide, but still there is a real challenge to find sites to create the necessary space. The Cathedral School is no longer a private school, but a state Academy and thus we have an obligation to help them provide much needed places.

The basement spaces, currently used for storage, face at the back on to Cathedral Square and would be ideal for the school. The school could access all the funding it needs for conversion from the Free School programme, currently thought to be £3-4m.

Some of the stored library material can be relocated in the central library but some can be stored off site – according to usage. Currently a lot of the material has not been used for a number of years but the on-site storage could be used for more frequently used material.

Our current storage is non-public, inaccessible, and has no environmental conditions. A fresh look at storage may therefore provide more access and better conditions thus preserving materials for longer.

It has been suggested for some time that we look to relocate material in Libraries, Museums and Planning to a defined storage facility where reserve and archive material can be stored in the right conditions and be made available on an appointment basis.

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