



Devon Reinvestment Service

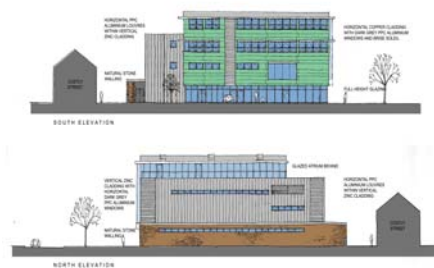
IVYBRIDGE LIBRARY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

The flagship project for Devon Reinvestment Service is the creation of a new Library and Community Resource Centre in Ivybridge.

About the project

This innovative project will demonstrate new ways of bringing complementary uses and different agencies into a single space in the heart of a small market town. The new building will bring together:

- a new library
- an ICT centre
- a business centre providing business advice, training, supported start-up units, and ICT access (and access to a crèche elsewhere in the town)
- a multi-purpose space for use as a venue for conferences, exhibitions, training, fairs, cultural activities and social events
- a Tourist Information Centre and retail opportunity
- meeting spaces of various sizes
- offices and interview rooms for the Credit Union and Citizens' Advice Bureau and for use by a range of other voluntary and statutory agencies
- new offices to expand provision in the town
- spaces for letting to complementary enterprises providing catering and refreshments for other users.



Benefits to the community

The project will create a new vibrant social, economic and cultural focus for Ivybridge in the heart of the town, with the library and other uses acting in the same way as an "anchor store" to draw people into the town to use its shopping and other services.

In addition to providing many of the facilities most urgently needed in Ivybridge, the project will:

- enable local people to secure opportunities for employment and self-employment in a supported environment
- provide businesses with access to exhibition, conference and meeting space and to ICT
- help tackle the shortage of office and serviced office space
- retain existing residents and bring new people into the town
- provide services for the 30,000 people who live in Ivybridge and in the rural communities around it

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