The first phase of the Canada Water Masterplan vision at Sites A&B was approved by the council in August 2006. This approval established the general location, size and shape of the Library. The detail design has now been worked up by architects CZWG for consultation in advance of a detailed planning application.

The approved Sites A&B scheme includes:

- High quality public realm with unique landscape features celebrating the area's historic connections
- Important new civic spaces including the Deal Porters Plaza in which the Library is located
- Approximately 900 new mixed use residential units
- A new public library and community resource centre, including a one stop shop facility
- A series of new streets, open spaces, walkways, pedestrian and cycle routes, and road network improvements
- New shops and cafes
- New office, business start-up and live-work space
- Substantial dedicated car parking
Extensive consultation has been undertaken in the lead up to this proposal. This includes:

- 3 years of discussion
- 1 year of detailed design
- 300 hours of dedicated consultation
- 50 stakeholder meetings

Working with:

- Local Councillors
- Rotherhithe Community Council
- Canada Estate Tenants Association
- Canada Water Campaign
- Rotherhithe Area Housing Forum Sub Group
- Canada Water Consultative Forum
- Southwark Disablement Association
- Southwark Disability Forum
- Additional one on one’s with user groups
- Open Stalls at Rotherhithe Festival and The Event, Southwark Park
- Rotherhithe Library permanent exhibition
- Website
- Working models
SERVICES

- Fully accessible with longer, improved opening hours
- Café with plaza and water side views
- Community performance space with seating for 150 people
- Meeting spaces
- Free access to ICT
- Adult and family learning facilities
- Handy-tills and council information
- Toilets and baby changing facilities on every public level
- One disabled adult changing facility
- Buggy park
- Two lifts
- 4 times more stock than Rotherhithe Library
- Adult, Young People and Children’s Library
- DVD Loans
- Screenings and drama
- Music, performances and opportunities to perform
- Homework help
- Study space and support
- Reading groups and story times
- Advice sessions
- Health promotions
- Keep Fit classes
Sustainability initiatives

- 10% Total renewable energy including
- 5% Solar water heating
- 5% Ground source heat pumps
- Green roof
- Passive solar shading
- Roof sky lights / natural lighting
- Exceeds Part L requirements
FORM AND CLADDING

Form
- Plan generated by site constraints
- Section generated by internal uses

Cladding
- Inspired by rippling water
- Durable
- Longevity - 30 year life time guarantee
- Anti graffiti
- Easily cleaned
- Visually striking
- Stretching from imperforated sheets at the bottom to open mesh at the top
- Recyclable material

Library site constraints

Internal section development

Cladding upper wall
Cladding corner upper wall
Cladding corner lower wall
Detailed design work on the library and further consultation have led us to propose enhancements to the approved public realm scheme.

This ensures an integrated public realm with the Library building and provides the best possible public environment.

**Key Revisions**

- Rationalisation of Surrey Quays Road including improved pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures.
- Relocation of disabled bays to improve accessibility to the Library.
- Kerb reinstalled to reduce the requirement for bollards.
- Planting introduced into the basin to enhance existing ecology.
- Cafe spill out seating onto the plaza.
- Terracing introduced to allow for enhanced access to and from the plaza and informal seating overlooking the basin.
- Dedicated Evening Standard Kiosk introduced.
- Canada Water Promenade width increased from 3.5 meters to 4.5 meters.
Implementation Programme

- **March 2007**
  Southwark Council Executive approve the Library business plan and design
- **May 2007**
  Submission of detailed planning application
- **June 2007**
  Approval of a procurement process by Southwark Council
- **Summer 2008**
  Construction commences
- **End 2009**
  Construction completed

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