

Regional Collections Symposium

Museum Development East Midlands

A Collections Review

Il buono, Il brutto, Il cattivo

The good, The bad, The ugly

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Il buono

The Good

Collections Access Strategy



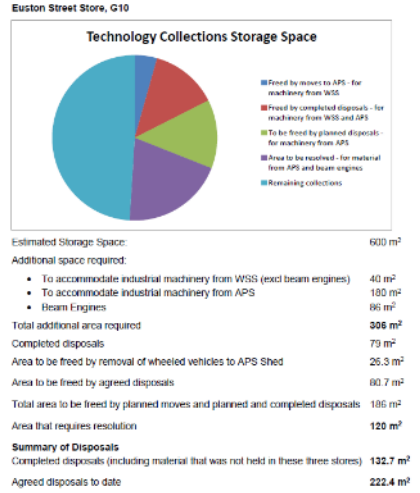
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Collections Access - Objectives

- Develop the city's museums to create exceptional visitor experiences which have international, national and regional significance
- To increase access to and use of the collections, sharing them with a wide audience
- To give every schoolchild in the city the opportunity to thrive, broadening their horizons and inspiring them to be fascinated by their heritage



Collections Review



- Funding allocated
- Strategic approach to refine the collections allowing them to be understood and accessed better
- New Custodians for disposals
- Updating loan agreements
- Updating records on Mimsy
- Reducing costs



Il brutto

The Bad

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Industrial & Technology Collections

- The Collection included many large industrial objects and vehicles that we would not now collect – did not meet the current Leicester Museums Collections Policy
- They were stored across three sites, collections were mixed, with sub-collections spread out across all sites
- Storage was in some places so dense that some objects could only be observed using binoculars from a nearby mezzanine
- Some object records were not updated, absent or incomplete

Il cattivo

The Ugly

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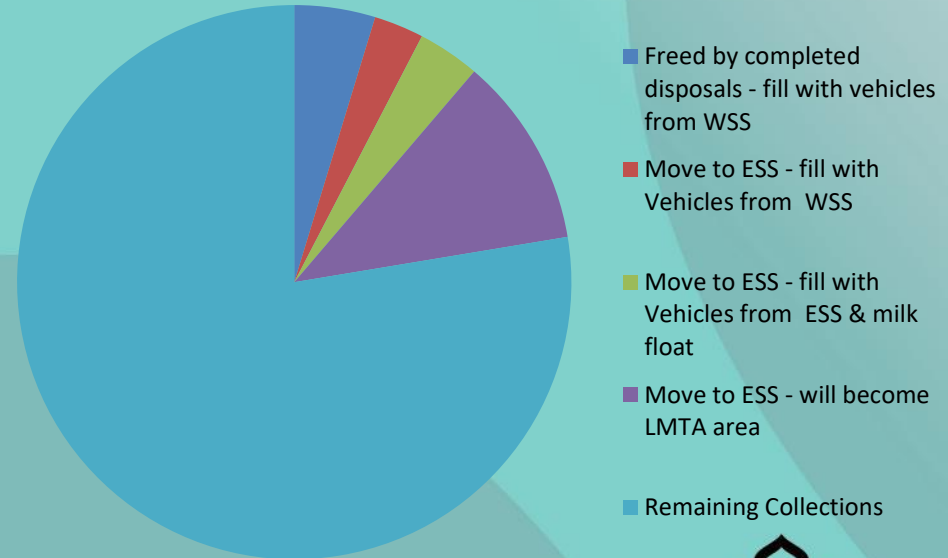


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Industrial & Technology Collections

- Hoarding of non accessioned items
- Disposal of 'spare parts' for non-working collections
- Progress was monitored & measured by m²
- 526m² of space created
- Sub collections rationalised and co-located

APS Collections Storage Space



Il buono

The Good Pt II

The Future



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Collections Review



- New custodians found for almost all disposed collections including investment in restoration
- Costs saved by reduction of storage space
- Collections made more accessible to the public, staff and researchers
- Store Tours start in April 2020
- Funding secured for future phases of Collections Review
- New Loan Agreements

Collections Review



- Technology & Transport Collections Review is almost complete
- Phase II of the Collections Review is to follow... Museum Library, Social History, Palaeontology, Geology & Mineral Collections next
- Phase III Archaeology, Taxidermy, Biology & Natural History, Weapons & Armoury
- Phase IV – Costume, Contemporary Art, Paintings, Print & Sculpture
- Updating all records on Mimsy

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Any Questions?

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