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Hello Neil,

As requested, this is our formal request (in form of presentation) to consider for site to construct new Sikh Temple. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Regards,  
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# Rugby Sikh Gurdwara Craven Road

Visit of Mr. Mark Pawsey (Right Honorable Member of  
Parliament for Rugby)

26 January 2023



# Sikhism

- **Fifth largest religion in the world**
- **Diaspora across all corners of the world**

## **The Three Fundamental Sikh Principles**

- **To remember God constantly through meditation and prayer**
- **To earn an honest livelihood by honourable methods**
- **To share their earnings with everyone through charity and selflessly serve the larger community**



# Fundamental Sikh Teachings and Philosophy

- Love for all
- Selfless service
- Devotion to the Creator
- Truthful living
- Service to humanity
- Compassion, Equality and Justice for all



# Sikhs' Contribution to the community



Panjab Floods



Water for Africa - Malawi



Providing bread to Syrian Refugees



Ukraine-Poland Border, 24hours hot meals



Sikhs deliver hot meals to truck drivers stranded on UK's border with France



World's Largest Community Kitchen Feeds 100K Daily At Golden Temple, India

The Sikh community is an established community in the UK

Approx. 500,000 Sikhs in the UK

According to latest national employment statistics, Sikhs have an 84% employment rate, with top sectors of employment including public service, charity work, healthcare, teaching, accountancy and finance, and IT and technology



# Rugby Gurdwara History

- Sikh presence in Rugby since the 60s
- Early days members of the community use to gather at each others houses to celebrate significant Sikh events
- In 1982 Sikh Temple was moved to current location where Sikh community bought this place for £13,000
- The Sikh community has grown and prospered in this town
- Significant growth seen in last decade from approx 700 Sikh followers to 1552 Sikh followers within Rugby (data ref. 2021 census)

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Continuous efforts  
to be an active  
member of the  
Rugby community







# Ambitions and Future Projects

- Homeless support with meal provisions
- Blood donation camps
- Organ donor awareness seminars
- Inter faith events
- Punjabi and Cultural learning for Kids
- Day care center for elderly people of all faiths



Gurdwara is run with the help of volunteers and donations

Like many charitable organizations, the pandemic had a huge adverse impact on both fronts

# Challenges ahead to deliver projects and ambitions

- Parking for Gurdwara Visitors

We have very few places available to park in Sikh Temple car park, which means people have to park at road side parking. This is putting people off coming to the temple as it's a hassle for them to find a parking space nearby. Recently some devotees has been fined for parking in wrong area (i.e. Pharmacy parking, which was allowed before)

# Potential Opportunities



# Urgent support required

## Punjabi and Cultural learning for Kids

Due to Covid we didn't get chance to get involved with our new generation. Recently we have started teaching Punjabi and Kirtan in our Sikh Temple. Currently this is on voluntarily basis. We need some grants/funding as books, stationary and some remuneration for teachers is required to continue with this very important activity to keep our next generation connected to our culture, values and religion.

# Kids Learning



# Long term Solution

- Support needed to identify / locate larger premises for worship and to accommodate community needs including Day Care Center for elderly people, Place for kids to study
- Proving to be a challenge to accommodate community needs. We want to restart our day care center for elderly and vulnerable people. Due to COVID lockdowns they have been neglected with mental illness being a consequence
- Currently there are 34 kids enrolled for Punjabi classes with different age groups; and number this number is growing. Separate classrooms are required to teach the groups at different levels.



Thankyou

