

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

IN SUPPORT OF FULL PLANNING APPLICATION

Highgate Hill Murugan Temple

200A Archway Road

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The application site is a former Highgate Baptist Church which was previously used by Jewish Community until 1977 and is located on the eastern side of Archway Road in close proximity to Highgate Tube Station. The building was subject to a fire and was gutted in 1977. The premises was bought and refurbished by the Highgate Hill Murugan Hindu community in 1979 and the premises has been used to date by the Hindu community as a place of worship cum community centre. The application site lies within the Highgate Conservation Area. The adjoining terraced properties are commercial establishments with residential accommodation on their upper floors. Temple owns the adjoining shop unit at No 200 Archway Road.

Highgate Murugan Temple, managed by the Britannia Hindu Temple Trust, a registered Charity, serves the local Hindu community.

Building comprises three floors and the building is utilised as follows ;

Basement – Storage and other ancillary facilities.

Ground Floor - Gathering and Community Hall

First Floor - Temple

2.0 PROPOSAL

- Installation new internal access door in first floor
- Installation of roof light

4.0 DESIGN PROCESS

Existing Sun tunnel not providing adequate natural light into the first floor temple area. New conservation roof light proposed to provide the required natural light.

Existing roof is gable roof with slate finish. Roof is supported on steel rafters. Proposed conservation roof light frames will match the roof colour. Temple is situated at sloping ground, Wembury Road located on the Southern side of the temple. Right of the flank wall varies due to huge slope on the ground. On average flank wall is 12.0m height from the road level. Rooflight won't be visible from the road and it won't have any adverse impact on the character on the building. Proposed roof light will further reduce the electricity used for operation and help improve the sustainability.

5.0 Conclusion

- Proposed alterations minor development. No adverse impact from the proposed development.
- It is therefore respectfully requested that permission for the proposal to be granted.