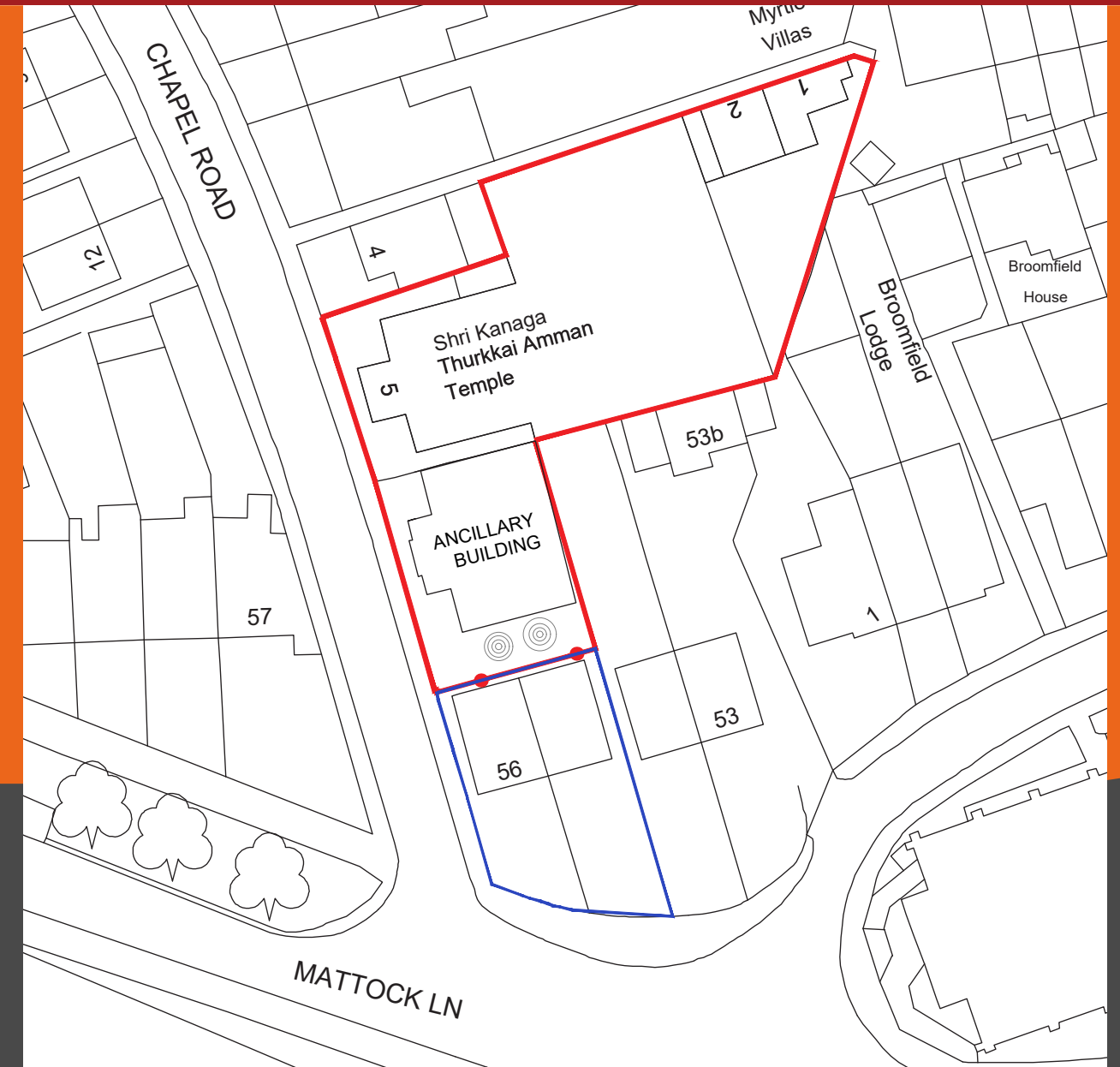


SHRI KANAGA THURKKAI AMMAN TEMPLE



Introduction



Welcome

The **Shri Kanaga Thurkkai Amman Temple** is located on Chapel Road in Ealing. The main Temple building was originally built as the West Ealing Baptist Chapel. Next to it is the newer two-storey ancillary building with a basement, built to support the Temple's activities.



About the Temple

The Temple is a well-known Hindu place of worship, cultural centre, and community hub. It plays a very important role for Ealing's Tamil Hindu community - one of the largest in West London.

The Proposal

The Temple seeks to regularise the use of its ancillary building, which is presently limited to use as a meditation centre. Through a future planning application, the Temple aims to broaden and formalise the permitted uses of the space to encompass a wider range of religious, community-focused and culturally enriching activities.

Recent Planning History

In 2022, Ealing Council approved plans for a new two-storey with basement ancillary building next to the main Temple. This replaced the temporary marquees that were previously used for Temple events and gatherings. Completed in 2024, the new ancillary building provides a permanent, purpose-built space for local residents and visitors alike — offering a welcoming place for connection, learning, and celebration.

A planning condition only allows the ancillary building to be used as a 'meditation centre'. This has limited how the space can be used, leaving it underused while the main Temple remains very busy.

In July 2024, Ealing Council raised concerns about some activities in the new building and waste storage. There was an attempt to resolve these issues with a planning application, but this was refused for procedural reasons. However, the process did highlight local concerns about traffic, parking, and waste, issues that the Temple is now working to resolve as part of this application.

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Why Change is Needed

The Shri Kanaga Thurkkai Amman Temple is more than a place of worship, it's a welcoming centre for learning, culture, health, and community wellbeing. It offers a safe and inclusive space where people of all ages can connect, learn, and take part in activities that support both spiritual and everyday life.

Ealing is one of the most diverse boroughs in London. The borough is experiencing growth in population, including the number of young people and older residents rising.

This means there's more need for community spaces offering education, activities, and support for everyone.

This proposal supports Ealing's own goals for diverse, welcoming community spaces, ensuring the Temple continues to serve as a proud, positive part of local life.

This new planning application aims to:

- Regularise the use of the building in line with the use of the main Temple building.
- Address concerns about the number of activities on site, traffic, parking, and waste by working closely with the Council and residents.

Allowing the ancillary building to be used more flexibly would:

- Reduce pressure on the main Temple.
- Provide new space for learning, wellbeing, and community events.
- Help meet Ealing's need for inclusive, local cultural and community facilities.

The Temple recognises that some past uses of the ancillary building have caused concern for local residents. This planning application will aim to clarify and confirm how the building would be used, ensuring all activities are transparent, well managed and potential impacts mitigated. It also provides reassurance to local residents that the Temple is committed to being a responsible and considerate neighbour.

Since earlier misunderstandings, all non-compliant activities have stopped, and new management systems have been introduced to ensure everything runs smoothly.

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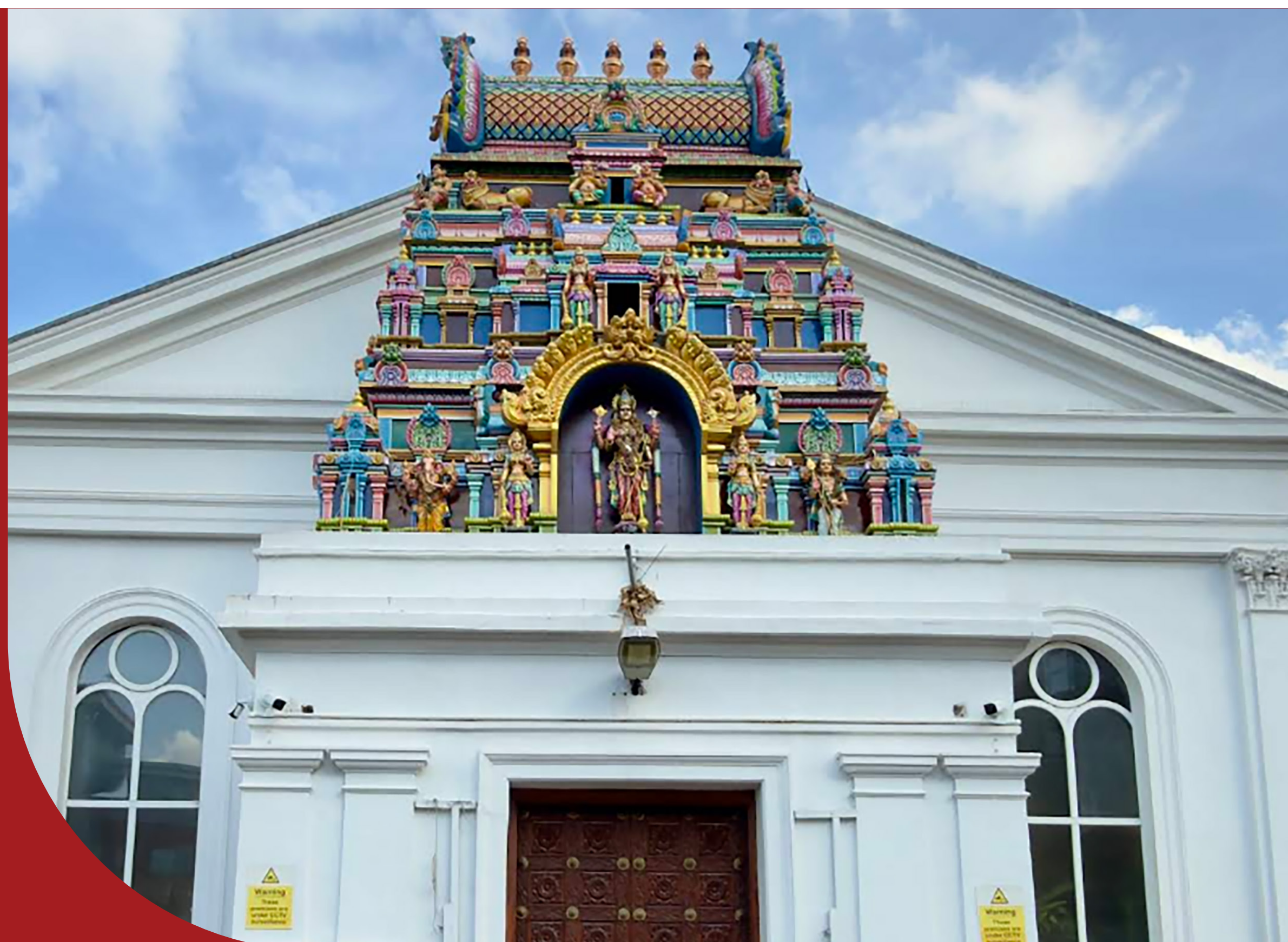
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Dedicated staff to manage activities and maintain good coordination.



A central booking system to prevent overlap between events.





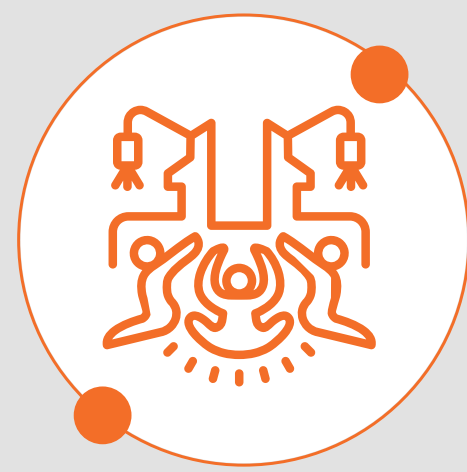
Envisaged Activities

The proposal would not change the overall capacity at the site and no additional floorspace is proposed. The activities, all of which could be carried out lawfully within the main Temple building, envisaged for the ancillary building include:



Daily worship and temple activities

- Individual meditation and silent prayer
- Committee meetings
- Library use



Religious ceremonies

- Religious wedding ceremony (Thaali) – between 20 and 30 a year
- Religious services and festivals (Deepavali and Thaipusam and Puratasi Sani) – 10 a year
- Cultural and social event – 4 per annum



Classes and group activities

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| ■ Meditation classes – daily | ■ Youth education group – weekly | ■ Medical forum – weekly |
| ■ Meditation event – quarterly | | ■ Fitness class – weekly |
| ■ Group yoga – weekly | ■ Tamil language classes – weekly | ■ Community advice sessions – weekly |
| ■ Dental advice – weekly | | |

A Thaali is a traditional Tamil Hindu wedding. These meaningful, spiritual events usually last two to four hours and involve prayer, sacred fire rituals, symbolic vows, and blessings — all carried out respectfully, without loud music, fireworks, or alcohol.





Better Management of Activities

We understand that some local residents have previously raised concerns about possible noise and disturbance from activities at the Temple. This planning proposal provides an opportunity to clearly define how the new building can be used in a way that is transparent, enforceable, and respectful of the community.

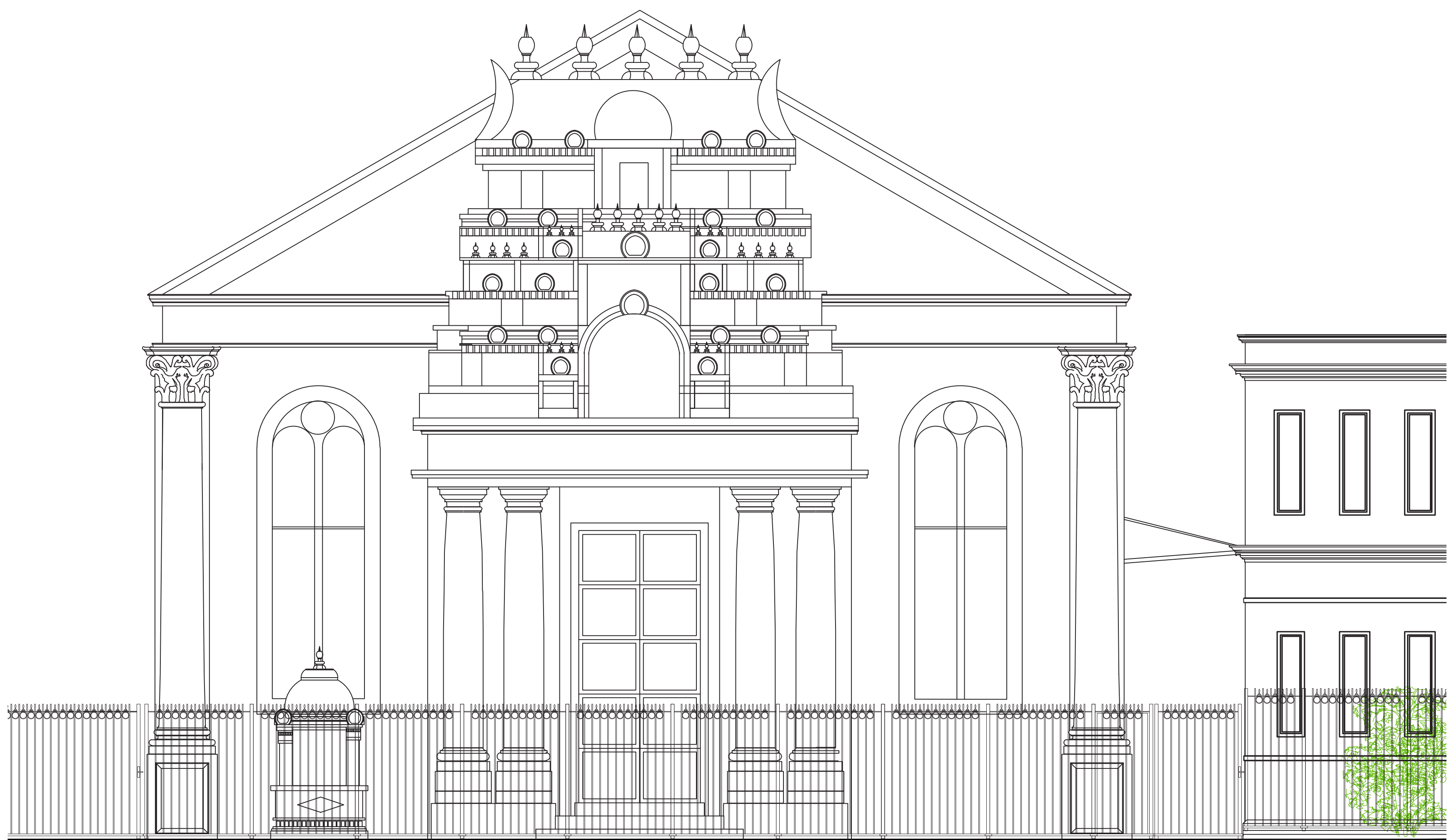


To support this, the Temple will submit a Building Management Plan that sets out how the building will be managed day to day. The plan will include:

- Agreed operating hours, with limited exceptions for key religious ceremonies.
- A clear booking system, with a named organiser for each event.
- Noise control measures, use of noise-limiting monitoring equipment, and keeping doors and windows closed during activities.
- Stewarding to help manage arrivals and departures safely.
- Signage reminding visitors to respect neighbours.
- Occupancy limits for each space, monitored by stewards.
- Appointment of a Community Liaison Officer with a complaints log and reporting system.
- An annual review of the plan with Ealing Council and, where possible, local residents.

These measures aim to ensure the Temple continues to be a well-managed and considerate neighbour.

Occasionally, events tied to the astrological calendar may occur outside normal hours. The Temple will work with the Council and local stakeholders to minimise impact and ensure traditions are celebrated respectfully.





Traffic and Parking

The Temple is committed to ensuring that all visits and events are managed safely, responsibly, and with respect for our neighbours. Concern from local stakeholders about potential additional trips by visitors to the Temple and impacts upon Chapel Road and local parking conditions are acknowledged.

Thanks to our central location and excellent public transport links, travel surveys have shown most visitors already arrive on foot, by bus, or by train.

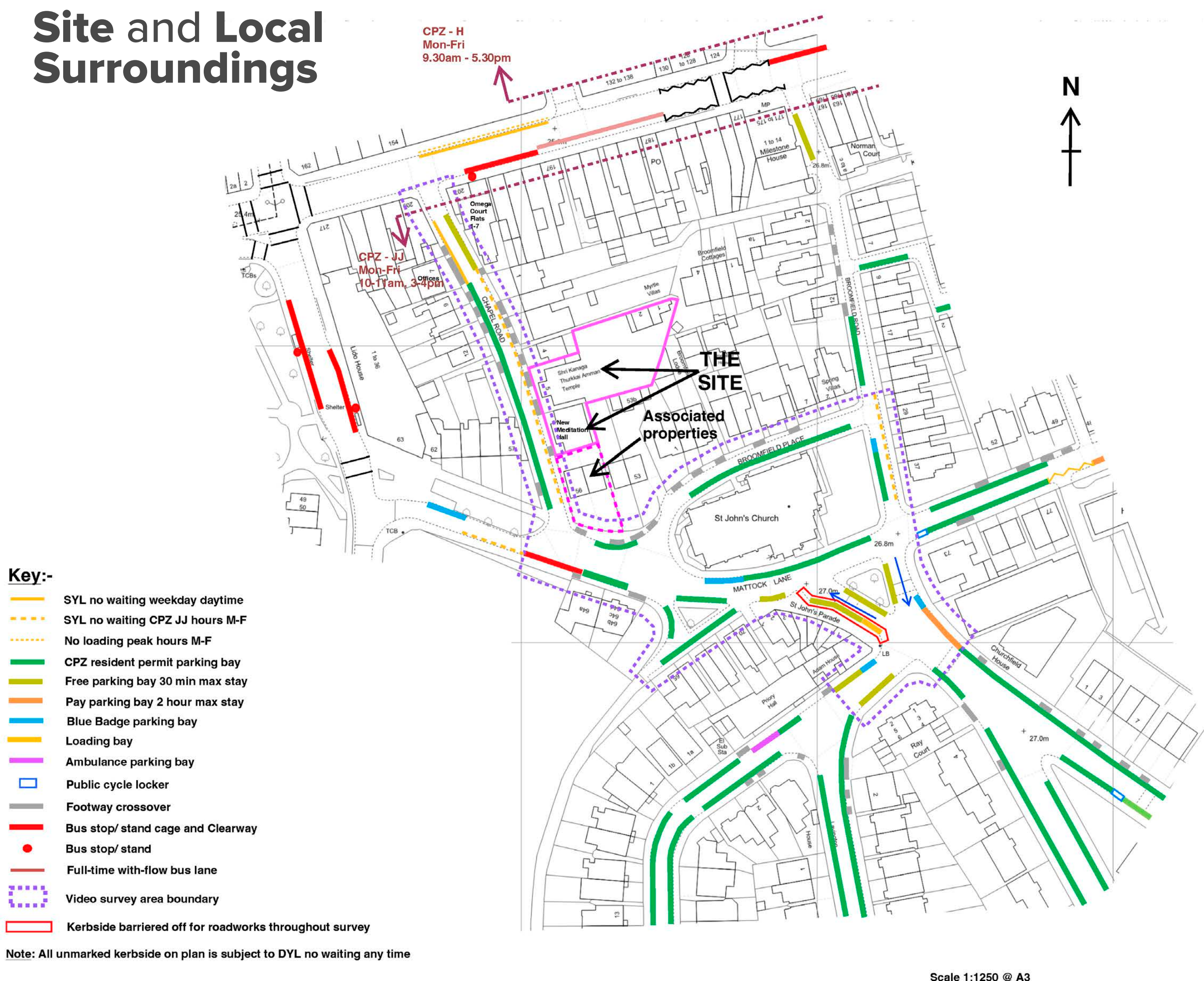
However, for those who drive, we continue to encourage car sharing or public transport modes to help reduce traffic and parking pressure in the area. Measures within a Travel Plan, which would be submitted with the application, will seek to monitor and achieve this.

We’re also pleased to be working with Ealing Council to improve local traffic conditions and safety. As part of the s106 agreement for the approved planning application for the ancillary building, the Temple paid £10,000 to the Council for traffic improvements planned for late 2025, including new double yellow lines on Chapel Road to improve traffic flow and safety.

We believe that the yellow lines along Chapel Road will make a marked improvement to the operation of Chapel Road.

TRAFFIC SURVEYS HAVE ALSO BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND SHOW THAT:

Site and Local Surroundings



- Traffic levels on Chapel Road are generally low throughout the day.
- Parking in Chapel Road is well used but is mostly by people visiting nearby shops, restaurants, and local services.
- General pedestrian activity on the footways remains comfortable, with no noticeable congestion.
- Parking is generally available in the surrounding streets.
- Temple activities usually take place outside the busiest travel times on weekdays, helping to reduce any overlap with peak-hour traffic.

We recognise that when significant religious festivals are celebrated at the Temple, traffic and parking pressures increase and we will work with our worshippers, the Council and local residents to reduce any such impacts.

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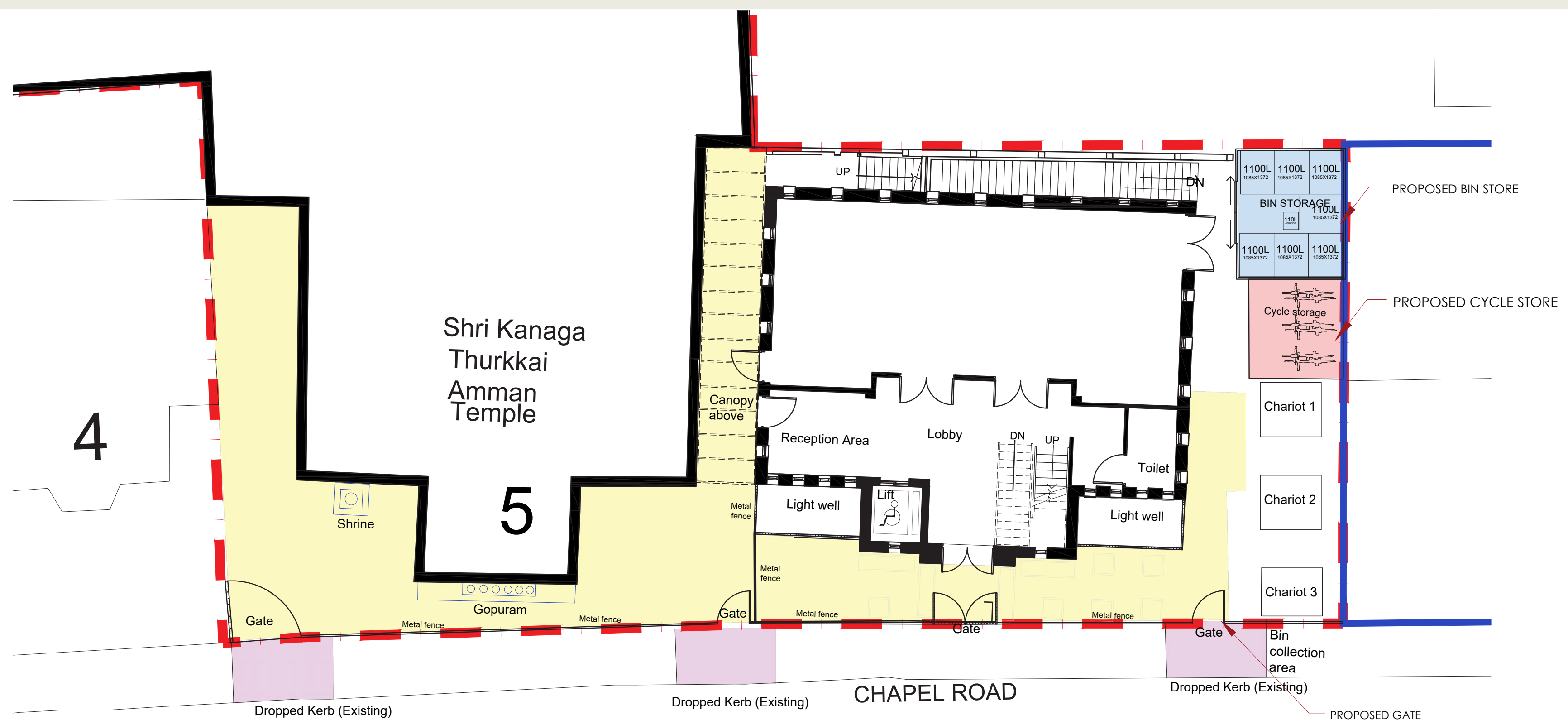


Waste Management

We're committed to keeping our site tidy, efficient, and respectful of our neighbours by managing waste responsibly and minimising any disruption along Chapel Road. The site will have eight waste and recycling bins (seven 1100-litre and one 110-litre), stored neatly in a new timber-enclosed area at the southeast corner of the site.

To keep the area clean and safe for everyone, our site team will:

- Ensure all waste and recycling are properly sorted and placed in the right bins.
- Keep bins stored within the enclosure at all times, except when collection staff are on site.
- Make sure bins are returned promptly after collection.
- Arrange for waste collections to take place as early in the morning as reasonably possible to reduce traffic impact.
- Introduce yellow lines to assist with pick-up.



Proposed Site Plan Waste



Thank You and Next Steps



Indicative Timeline

Consultation

**NOVEMBER
2025**



Submission

Q1 2026



Determination

Q2 2026



Thank you for attending our public consultation event outlining our plans for the Shri Kanaga Thurkkai Amman Temple. Your feedback is essential in shaping our proposals.

Following this consultation, we will review feedback and update our proposals before the submission of a planning application early next year.

Have any questions or want to leave feedback?

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Please provide us with your comments by Friday 5th December 2025.