

LOHANA COMMUNITY COMPLEX DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE APRIL 2011

It has been some time since we completed purchase of St Andrews Church Halls in Croydon, now formally registered as Lohana Community Complex, P V Raichura Centre. We have been busy and much progress has been made despite the adverse weather last winter. The Design and Development (D&D) Team and the LCSL Executive have worked hard together and present you this latest update. Atul Panchmatia and Jayesh Lakhani have also joined the D&D Team and are assisting with the Health & Safety and Planning & Grant Application areas respectively.

The outline scope of the proposed refurbishment plan is listed below for your information. We are in consultation with Croydon Council and the local Councillor to progress our full planning application and to seek solutions for our parking requirements. A formal presentation of the scope of the planning application and timelines/ estimated costs will be made at our AGM on Sunday 29th May 2011.

THE ENTRANCE FOYERS

We propose to have two entrances, one leading to the hall and other to the Mandir. Both entrances will have glass faced leading into a light and airy open plan foyers. This Mandir side will be for the exclusive use for worshippers whilst the other entrance will be for the Hall. This will allow different activities to take place in either side, at the same time.

THE THREE LOUNGES

We propose to have three distinct lounge areas. Each will have a defined style and ambiance. We propose to make one of these lounges into a Coffee Bar the other into a Reading/ Library Room and last one into a Reception area. The Reception area will become an extension to the entrance foyer for the big event nights.

THE MAIN HALL

The Main Hall will be around the size of Lan Franc School main hall. We propose to have a fully fitted stage with built in sound and lighting. We propose to install a large screen audio visual set up for presentations and entertainment nights. The Hall will be the hub for our functions including Navaratri. We will be able to hold weddings, sanjjs, parties, dinner dances etc. The stage will allow us to host live plays, music shows and other performances.

THE MANDIR

We propose to have a Mandir which will become the hub for all our religious activities. The Mandir will be 100 meter square in size, but with sliding doors which when opened up will combine with the Main hall and give us a larger area for religious functions as necessary.

THE YOGA ROOM

The Yoga room is proposed to be the same size as the Mandir. This will be the Art and Culture hub as it will be the place for Dance, Music, Salsa, Drama, Meeting room and various types of education. The elderly will be able to relax here on event nights and will allow us to provide children's crèche facilities.

OTHER FACILITIES

The building will be fitted with a commercial kitchen and self contained living quarters for a caretaker.

USE OF HALLS AND FACILITIES WHILST PLANNING APPLICATION IS PROGRESSING

The property has been cleaned up and painted and the toilet facilities tidied up for our immediate use. This will enable us to hold community and private functions whilst we wait for our planning application to be progressed and approved. The facilities at the property will be available for use subject to the refurbishment work which is being done. Any members wishing to host bhajans, prayer meetings, birthday parties, family gatherings, etc please contact any one of the LCSL Executive Committee members for details of availability and costs.

LCSL SPORTS EVENING

Wednesday evening is being proposed for Sports use. Starting at 8:00 pm we will be making the halls available for Badminton, Darts, Carrom, Chess and Dominoes. If interested, please contact us on Sports@LCSL.org.uk for more details and to join our LCSL sports mailing list.