



## NZ THIRUMURUGAN TEMPLE

**Relocation of Temple to 145, Church Street, Otahuhu**

*Thirumurugan Community Information: 05 Oct 12*



Dear Devotees,

We are humbled and delighted to advise you that with the grace and blessings of the Almighty, our Thiru Murugan, we have taken a significant step towards establishing our very own temple with all traditional norms and features for our community.

The purchase of the property at 145, Church Street was confirmed on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and discussed in detail at the Society's AGM on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. We are very humbled and grateful for the positive feedback from everyone present at the meeting and for many valuable suggestions. We have provided all relevant details in a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) format and please do feel free to contact us if you require any further information or clarifications.

### **Why do we need to move from the present location?**

The Society's goal has always been to construct a traditional temple for our community and in particular for our next generation. The current property has a number of constraints that does not suit building a fully fledged temple. Further, being next to a waste disposal company, the associated traffic hazards and the visual appearance to some degree are factors that do not support a long term presence.

### **What criteria did you use to select the location, size of the building, etc?**

Earlier this year, we completed a comprehensive scoping / feasibility project to identify the following key criteria:

- The advantages and disadvantages in the current location
- Options available within the current location
- Reasons for the need for another location
- The domicile of the temple population
- The ideal boundary within which to locate the new temple – central location
- The ideal layout / improvements / features sought in the new temple
- Financial Scenarios

This exercise helped us to establish greater clarity on the way forward.

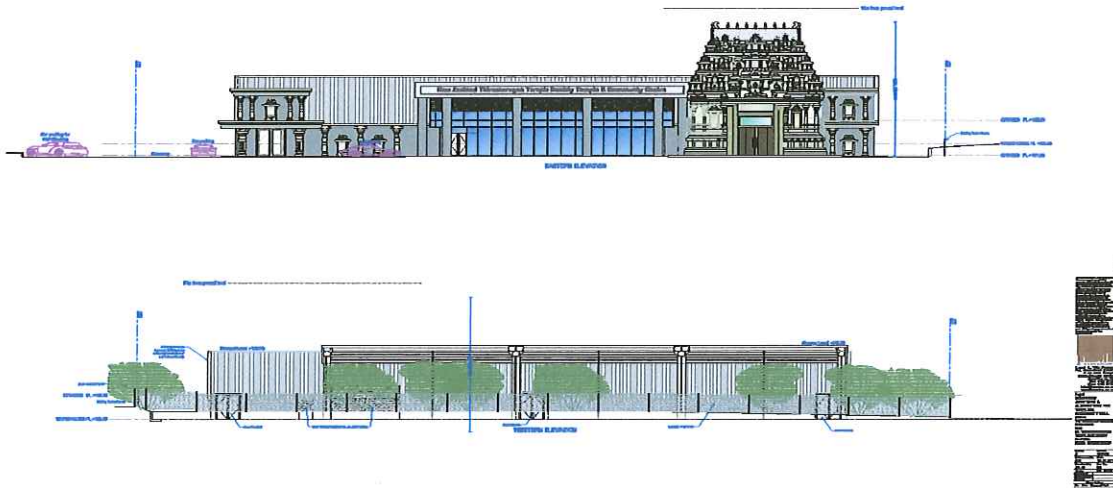
## Where is this property and what are the details of the property?

The property is on the fringe of the CBD at Otahuhu and within a short distance from the motorway on/off ramps for travelling either north or south. The land size of the property is 3,625 m<sup>2</sup>. The buildings includes ground floor of 1,285 m<sup>2</sup>, office space of 386 m<sup>2</sup> and a canopy of 630 m<sup>2</sup>. For comparison, our current building at Marua Road measures 431.7m<sup>2</sup> (including level 1)

## What are the key features of the proposed plan?

Our vision is to make this a temple with all traditional norms and features including appropriate sannidhi for Maha Ganapathi (மஹா கணபதி), ThiruMurugan (திருமுருகன்), Raja Rajeswary Amman (ராஜ ராஜேஸ்வரி அம்மன்), Navaghraham (நவக்கிரக தெய்வங்கள்), Vairavar (வைரவர்), Sandeswarar (சண்டேஸ்வரர்), Bala Lingam (பால லிங்கம்) and Eluntharuli Swamigal (எழுந்தருளி சுவாமிகள்) that will also include Lord Rama. It will have Kodikkampam, Pali Peedam, Raja Kopuram etc and will have the facility to do “veethi valam” around the complex. The new complex will also have a multi-purpose community hall for weddings, classes, library, meetings, fund raising programmes, welfare projects and other community related activities. The hall will also house a fully equipped modern kitchen to facilitate in-house food preparation when needed (anna thanam etc). Access to car parking facilities within the new premises and adjoining area are considerably more than the present location.

Following diagrams are copied from our architectural concept plans



## How is the project going to be funded?

The purchase of the new building is funded through a combination of bank loan and Temple's savings, built over the last 10 years. Additional funding will need to be raised for renovation and shrine construction. We are appealing for the community's generous help with:

- Regular donation to service the bank loan repayments
- Funding for renovation and shrine construction

### **What is the project timeline?**

We are working towards relocating to the new temple around late 2013. The timing is dependant on how quickly we are able to raise the necessary funding and complete the work. We will not be able to complete everything before that time and some non-urgent work will be delayed for a later time.

### **What is going to happen to the current building?**

Our bank loan includes a short-term borrowing until the current property is sold. The bank has given us a maximum of 12 months to do this. We will be looking to sell the property around mid 2013 to pay off the temporary loan.

### **What are the next steps?**

We have applied for resource consent and are expecting confirmation in the new future. Following that, we will be completing the detail plans and applying for building plans. We like to be able to commence work as soon as the building consent is granted.

### **How can we be part of the project?**

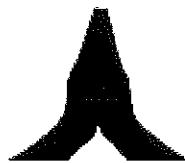
There are a number of ways we would like you to be part of it. Firstly, we need your moral support as collectively, we have a large and very worthy project ahead of us for our community. We need your generous help with the two aspects of financial needs. We also would like you to get involved and be part of the project in moving forward.

If you wish to find out more information about the financial help, please feel free to contact the following finance team members: Mr R Aravindakumar (021 594 497), Mr T Krishnaraj (021 790 142), Mr K Srikumar (027 577 4064) or Mr S Sathiyaselvan (029 282 7395).

*Please note that as a registered charitable organisation, all donations made to the Society are eligible for a tax credit at applicable (presently 33.3% for individuals and tax deductible expense for companies and partnerships) rates.*

**Please do contact us and be part of this major milestone project and benefit our current and future generation!!!!**

**“மேன்மைகொள் சைவநீதி விளங்குக உலகம் எல்லாம்”**



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