

Thurrock Council

Community Right to Bid – Asset of Community Value Nomination Form

Submission Information

Submission address: communityrights@thurrock.gov.uk

Submission information: thurrock.gov.uk/righttobid

Reference (for internal use only)

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Community Right to Bid

The Community Right to Bid – introduced as part of the Localism Act 2011 – enables certain local voluntary and community organisations to nominate local land or buildings to be included on our list of assets of community value. This entitles them to bid for that asset if it comes up for sale after it has been listed.

To help you with your nomination for listing we have provided a summary of the relevant information for you at [Thurrock Council – Bidding for assets of community value](#).

If you would like to find out more about the definitions used or the national process in place, please read the guidance at [MyCommunity.org.uk – community asset transfer](#).

In line with government guidance for the Community Right to Bid, we respond to all submissions of an 'expression of interest' within 8 weeks of receipt.

The response will clearly outline the judgement to accept or reject your application and the next steps that should be taken.

The assessor will follow an evaluation procedure created in line with guidance issued by the government to make sure this is a fair and transparent process.

For your application to have the best chance of success, please complete this form in as much detail as possible, using additional pages where needed.

Part A – About your organisation

This section provides us with an understanding on the eligibility of your organisation to submit this nomination to register an asset of community value.

Organisation details

Full name of organisation or group submitting the nomination form	Gurdwara Grays (Sikh Temple)
Company or charity registration number, if applicable	1123363
VAT registration number, if applicable	Click here to enter text.
Name of lead person	3P
Registered address, if applicable	66 Maidstone Rd, Grays, Essex RM17 6NF
Contact address	As Above
Phone number	01375 376086
Mobile number	3P
Email address	sikh templegrays@gmail.com
Website	Click here to enter text.

Type of organisation

Please confirm which **one** of the options below best describes your organisation and why you see your organisation as being a Relevant Body.

Please tick the appropriate option:

Neighbourhood forum*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unincorporated community group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial and provident society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community interest company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Company limited by guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>

* A body designated as a neighbourhood forum under the Town and Country Planning Act

How many members do you have? – this is particularly important for unincorporated community groups	450
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Please expand on the type of organisation here

You should explain how the activities of your local group are wholly or partly concerned with the local authority area where the asset sits, or with a neighbouring authority.

You must also be able to demonstrate that your activities are not carried out for profit and where surplus is generated how this is purposed for activities or investment in the community.

"Our organization, Gurdwara Grays, is deeply intertwined with the local authority of Thurrock, where the asset in question resides. As a Sikh temple and community center, our activities revolve around providing essential services, support, and cultural enrichment to the local community. These activities include religious services, educational programs, social gatherings, and charitable initiatives.

Firstly, our interactions with the local authority are multifaceted. We actively engage with local officials and agencies to address community needs, promote cohesion, and contribute to the overall well-being of the area. Through collaborative efforts with Thurrock Council, we participate in initiatives aimed at fostering understanding, tolerance, and integration within the diverse fabric of our community.

Moreover, Gurdwara Grays operates on a not-for-profit basis, with our activities driven solely by our commitment to serving others rather than generating financial gain. Any surplus funds generated through donations, events, or other means are reinvested directly into the community. This reinvestment takes various forms, including funding educational programs, supporting charitable causes, maintaining and improving our facilities, and facilitating outreach efforts to assist those in need.

In essence, our organization is deeply rooted in the local community and maintains a symbiotic relationship with the Thurrock Council. Through our non-profit activities and commitment to community reinvestment, we strive to enhance the well-being and quality of life for all residents in the area where the asset in question resides."

Please confirm that you – as lead person – have the permission or authorisation to submit this nomination from the organisation or group you represent

You should also provide evidence that shows the organisation or group have followed the decision making process set out in their constitution or governing document to approve the submission of this nomination – for example, minutes of meeting where decision was taken.

"On the 10th of January 2024, the management committee of Gurdwara Grays convened for a meeting at 66 Maidstone Rd, Grays. During this session, it was resolved and duly approved that 3P [REDACTED], serving as the Chairperson Holding Trustees, is authorized to handle all matters pertaining to the acquisition and submission of necessary documentation concerning the identified strip of land to Thurrock Council. Minutes of this meeting are available for your review upon request."

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Part B – About the asset of community value to be nominated

Name of property	Title EX864468	
Address of property, including postcode	Maidstone Rd, Grays, RM17 6NF Adjacent To Grays Community Hall Entrance from Maidstone Rd.	
Property owners' name, if known	Thurrock Council	
Property owners' address, including postcode, if known	3P [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
Phone number, if known	Click here to enter text.	
Main current use of the asset	Parking for 6/7 cars	
Current occupier's name	None	
Do you consider the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

If yes, please provide your reason for nominating the asset, explaining why you believe the asset meets the definition of 'community value' as set out in Section 88 of the Localism Act. Please provide as much information as possible and attach additional sheets if required.

The strip of land in question, serving as the only entrance to Grays Community Hall, undeniably plays a pivotal role in enhancing the social well-being and cultural vibrancy of the local community. Its nomination under the Community Right to Bid is substantiated by several compelling reasons, aligning with the definition of community value as outlined in Section 88 of the Localism Act.

1. ****Cultural and Religious Significance****: The strip of land facilitates access to Grays Community Hall, a central hub for cultural and religious gatherings. Its accessibility is paramount for hosting diverse events and ceremonies crucial to the spiritual and cultural practices of various communities, including Sikhs, Hindus, Nepalese, Africans, and others. These events encompass religious ceremonies, cultural celebrations, and communal gatherings, all of which contribute significantly to the cultural fabric of the area.
2. ****Social Inclusivity and Support****: The strip of land's accessibility is particularly vital during funeral services, where it ensures dignified and practical arrangements for mourners of all backgrounds. Inadequate access would impose undue physical strain on pallbearers and attendees, detracting from the solemnity and respect accorded to the deceased and their families. By facilitating smooth and accessible transitions from vehicles to the community hall, the strip of land fosters a supportive and inclusive environment during times of grief and remembrance.
3. ****Community Engagement and Collaboration****: Grays Community Hall serves as a focal point for community engagement and collaboration, transcending cultural and religious boundaries. Beyond religious ceremonies, the hall hosts a myriad of community-driven initiatives and events, including prayers for churches, meetings of the Independent Advisory Group, and upcoming celebrations such as International Women's Day. The strip of land's accessibility directly contributes to the success and inclusivity of these events, fostering meaningful interactions and cohesion among community members.
4. ****Practical Considerations and Future Prospects****: Recognizing the practical challenges posed by the current arrangement, wherein pallbearers must navigate uneven terrain with coffins during funeral processions, underscores the urgent need for improved access. Enhancing the strip of land's infrastructure would not only address immediate concerns but also pave the way for future developments and initiatives aimed at further enriching community life and well-being.

In summary, the strip of land epitomizes the essence of community value, serving as a nexus of cultural, social, and religious significance for residents of Grays and beyond. Its nomination for inclusion under the Community Right to Bid is a testament to its indispensable role in fostering cohesion, inclusivity, and collective well-being within the local community.

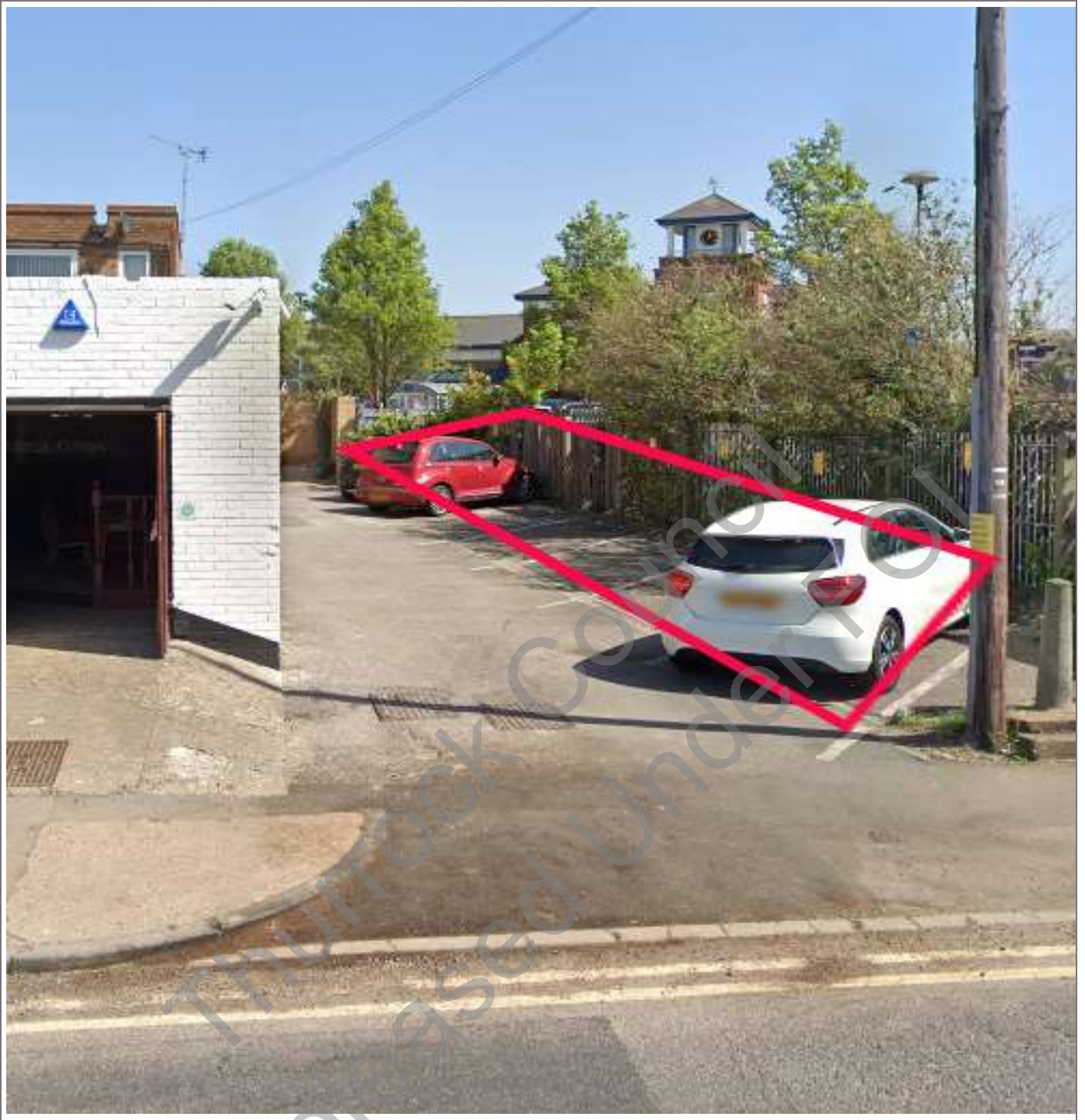
Part C – Boundary of property

Please provide information which helps to clarify the exact location and extent of the asset being nominated. This could include:

- where the land is registered, the Land Registry Title Information document and map with boundaries clearly marked in red (less than one month old) – provision of Land Registry information whilst not essential may help us to reach a decision on the nomination more quickly
- a written description with ordinance survey location, and explaining where the boundaries lie, the approximate size and location of any buildings on the land and details of any roads bordering the site
- a drawing or sketch map with boundaries clearly marked in red

You may wish to attach photos, maps, plans and other documents to help identify the asset and to support your nomination

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Part D – Attachment checklist

- ☒ Copy of group constitution (or Registration Form and Interest Statement for Community Interest Company)
- ☒ Evidence of decision of organisation or group to submit this asset of community value nomination form
- ☒ Name and home addresses of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is unincorporated)
- ☒ Site boundary plan (if possible)

Part E – Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information submitted in this form and the associated documents are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's application to nominate an asset of community value as outlined in Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act, and the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations.

I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that Thurrock Council as Relevant Body may reject this nomination form if there is a failure to satisfactorily respond to information requests qualified as required for compliance, or if I provide false/misleading information.

Name	3P
Date	
Signature	3P

How we will use your information

We will use your information to provide the service requested. We may share your personal data between our services and with partner organisations, such as government bodies and the police. We will do so when it is of benefit to you, or required by law, or to prevent or detect fraud. To find out more, go to thurrock.gov.uk/privacy. Get free internet access at libraries and community hubs.