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Nitesh Gor
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Dear Mr. Gor,

Ref: Voluntary Aided Hindu School in Harrow

Namaste and Jaya Shri Krishna. As the largest umbrella body for British Hindus, the Hindu Forum of Britain fully endorses the initiative by I-foundation to establish a voluntary-aided Hindu faith school in Harrow.

This project will be the first of its kind to cater to the educational needs of local Hindu communities in London. We feel that this is an important milestone in the history of British Hinduism since it has the backing of a wide network of Hindu organisations in the country.

Your choice of Harrow for locating the school project is very appropriate. Harrow is a catchment area for other surrounding Boroughs like Brent, Barnet and Ealing - which together comprise the largest concentration of Hindus in the UK.

We are confident that the I-Foundation's affiliation to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) will contribute to the success of the project. ISKCON is an integral part of British Hindu society and is one of the largest providers of educational services for the community. It has a track record of highly successful projects that have delivered sustained benefit to local communities across UK. ISKCON has the infrastructure, resources, talent and backing of the Hindu community to ensure that the school project is economically viable. With a strong foundation based on a 5000-year old spiritual tradition, ISKCON will facilitate the integration of future students with the broader British society in keeping with the values of tolerance, respect, integrity and good citizenship that Hinduism stands for.

For these reasons, the Executive Committee of the Hindu Forum of Britain endorse and support the initiative by ISKCON and I-Foundation to establish a Hindu School in Harrow and hope that you will be successful in your noble attempts.

Yours sincerely,

Pr. Ishwer Tailor MBE
President



International Society for Krishna Consciousness

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25th May, 2004

Dear Mr Nitesh Gor

I am delighted that i-foundation is working with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) to meet the demands of the Hindu community in Harrow to establish the first Hindu voluntary aided school. No doubt, this school will be a centre of academic and spiritual excellence. As you may be aware, over 40% of our congregation at Bhaktivedanta Manor come from the borough of Harrow. For years they have been demanding a school and now, working with i-foundation, we will be able to meet that demand.

Our private school at Bhaktivedanta Manor has been running successfully for over 20 years teaching the national curriculum with a spiritual backdrop whilst meeting all government and OFSTED requirements. Our students leaving the school go on to perform successfully at a wide range of different schools, colleges and universities. However, the lack of facility and funds (the temple currently subsidises the school) means that we cannot make this successful model available to our entire congregation.

ISKCON is fully committed to the school project and we are willing to support it with all the means available to us. The last time we were this committed to any single project was the fight to save Bhaktivedanta Manor from closure. That campaign saw us unite the entire Hindu community – internationally. 36,000 people marched through London to show their support for this temple and I am convinced that they would all be willing to show it again for this school. From a personal perspective, I have been a Head Teacher for over 10 years of my life and I can fully appreciate that there is no more important work than the education of our children.

I look forward to working with i-foundation on this project and if there is anything further that ISKCON can do to support this worthy cause, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

Gauridas Adhikari

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Dear Mr Gor,

Namaste.

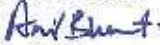
It was a great pleasure speaking to you about the Hindu School project. It pleases me that you are taking the lead on this on behalf of the Hindu community. In deed it is a proud statement that young men of your calibre are serving the community in such wonderful ways.

I offer you the full support of the Hindu Council UK. We have discussed the need of a school in this country for many years. All major religions have schools in the government sector. It is time for the Hindu community to follow suite. i-Foundation has taken the lead on this, and Harrow is the obvious place for this initiative to take birth.

The benefit of such education programmes is immeasurable. Indeed it is education that builds the character of communities. The Hindu community is already a leader in academic achievements. And now, if we can enhance our achievements by grounding our children in Hindu values, culture, tradition and worship - educating them in an Hindu atmosphere, there will be no better contribution we will have made for the British Hindu community.

I wish you and your colleagues at i-Foundation all success. I pray that The Mighty Lord will shower His grace upon you all.

Best wishes.


Anil Bhanot
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29th June 2004.

Nitesh Gor
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Dear Mr. Gor,

Re: Hindu School Project

The Executive Committee and member organisations of the Hindu Council (Harrow) are delighted to support the bid by I-Foundation to commission the first voluntary-aided Hindu Faith School in Britain.

Harrow is one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the UK, and has the largest number of Hindus living in any UK Borough. We feel that Harrow will therefore be one of the most suitable locations for a school that can cater to the needs and requirements of the local Hindu population.

This venture will fill a crucial gap in the educational services being provided to the local community, and we hope that your bid will be successful.

Hindu Council (Harrow) will offer any co-operation or assistance you require in establishing this institution - which will hopefully be one of many new beginnings for British Hindus.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely


Subhash V Sampat
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Dear Mr Gor,

Jai Shree Krishna.

Thank you for the invitation to attend i-Foundation's evening presentation on the Hindu School Project which you propose for Harrow. I will be delighted to attend the function on Saturday 10th July..

Further, I wish to offer you my full support for this project. As Chair of the Hindu Council of Brent, I spend a lot of time listening to the concerns of parents about the provision of education for the community, especially that which is embalmed in our Hindu tradition. Of course it is not enough to only provide weekend opportunities. There is demand for more. And, currently, as per Home Office Report, we're not providing any at all. However, if the Hindu community can work to fulfil this need, great service will be rendered.

I am encouraged that i-Foundation is working in the Borough of Harrow to establish the first Voluntary Aided Hindu School. I am further pleased that i-Foundation draws it's spiritual inspiration and input from ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor. The centre has been and continues to be an important resource for the Hindus of this country, and it is only natural for it to participate in such an endeavour.

We, at the Hindu Council (Brent) fully back this initiative and wish you all the success.

If there is anything further that you would like of us to assist in this great cause for our community, please do not hesitate to contact us..

Best Wishes

Jai Shree Krishna

Venilal Vaghela

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26th June 2004

Dear Mr. Gor,

Ref: Hindu School Project

The National Council of Hindu Temples (UK) fully supports the initiative taken by I-Foundation to establish the first Voluntary Aided Hindu School in the Borrow of Harrow, which is a natural choice for such venture since it has the highest Hindu population in Britain.

The National Council of Hindu Temples (UK) is very much aware of the concerns by the British Hindu community for the lack of Hindu educational establishments in the UK. Traditionally, the Hindu society places great importance in education, which has therefore seen the emergence of few Sunday Schools within the community. But this has not been satisfactory for the development of the students. Therefore, it has now become imperative that a fulltime educational institution be established for the benefit of not just the students but for the benefit society in large.

The National Council of Hindu Temples (UK) is pleased to learn that I-Foundation is affiliated to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), a well respected and admired organisation in the UK that is doing sterling work for the benefit of the society.

Again the National Council of Hindu Temples (UK) fully backs this much awaited initiative and hopes to see the Hindu school open in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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