

Amico Design Secures Planning Approval for £3m Sikh Community Gurdwara in Kettering

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Amico Design has received planning approval for a striking new Sikh Gurdwara in Kettering, Northamptonshire, in the East Midlands. Commissioned by the Sri Guru Sabha Sikh Temple, the £2.8–£3.5 million development will deliver a landmark religious and community space, blending traditional Sikh architecture with modern design. The project highlights how UK architects are successfully navigating planning processes to create culturally significant buildings that foster community engagement.

Tradition Meets Contemporary Design

The two-storey Gurdwara reinterprets traditional Sikh architectural elements in a modern form. Its symmetrical red brick façade, double-height glazed entrance, and central arch featuring the Khanda emblem create a welcoming and powerful identity. Gold-toned domed finials and a flag mast celebrate cultural heritage, while lighter stone detailing adds visual refinement. This demonstrates how places of worship design in the UK can combine heritage with modern functionality.

"This project allowed us to explore how traditional Sikh design elements can be expressed in a contemporary building while maintaining a strong connection to the community," says Guv Bhargal, Operations Director at Amico Design.

Planning Permission & Site Integration

Amico Design guided the project through the UK planning process for community buildings and places of worship, ensuring landscaping, accessibility, and on-site parking were integrated. The design enhances the Gurdwara's civic presence in Kettering while supporting practical functionality. The project serves as a strong example of community-focused architecture in the East Midlands.

Natural Light & Community Wellbeing

Large, evenly spaced windows maximise daylight, creating a calm and uplifting environment for worshippers. The design demonstrates how thoughtful architecture can positively impact social well-being, foster community engagement, and support spiritual practice.

A Landmark For Kettering

With a construction value of £2.8–£3.5 million, the Gurdwara will serve as a cultural and civic landmark. The project highlights Amico Design's expertise in culturally sensitive architecture and reinforces their portfolio of high-quality, community-focused buildings in Northamptonshire and beyond.

"Delivering spaces that respect heritage while meeting modern needs is at the heart of what we do," adds Guv.

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