

SITE DESCRIPTION AND CURRENT LAND USE ACTIVITIES

The site is zoned "Rural Residential" under the Shire of Manjimup's Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS4). It is understood the existing chalets were approved under the site's previous Rural zoning and currently permit an occupancy of 41 people for short stay accommodation. As part of the Shire of Manjimup's review of rural zoned land, it was considered the site was not suitable for rural purposes and a Rural Residential zoning, with any future subdivision reflecting the building layout on site, would be a more appropriate use of the land. The site has not been subdivided for Rural Residential development.

The MCB is utilising the amenities on site to accommodate visitors on a short stay basis and operate retreats. Currently, visitors attending the retreats must have accommodation within the chalets on site and any activities comprising the retreat (worshipping, yoga, meditation etc) are incidental to the provision of accommodation.

The aerial image below reflects the location of the existing outbuilding, which will comprise the temple. The outbuilding will not require extensions or modification to the existing built structure. All works for the temple will be under the existing roof structure.

It is noted, a future awning extension to the temple is proposed in due course.



Site Plan illustrating Place of Worship Location.

The temple comprising the Place of Worship will be for the use of guests staying in the short stay accommodation only. The maximum occupancy of the temple shall not exceed 41 persons (i.e., permitted maximum occupancy of short stay accommodation).

PROPOSAL

To complement the current approved use of the site for short stay accommodation, with associated activities relevant to the MCB, this application seek approval for a "Place of Worship" to be considered as an incidental use on the site.

As per LPS4, a Place of Worship is defined as follows:

...means premises used for religious activities such as a church, chapel, mosque, synagogue or temple;

In this instance the Place of Worship will comprise a temple for the purpose of worshipping.

The temple comprising the Place of Worship Use will contain Shirdi Sai Baba, Lord Ganesh and be repurposed from a currently constructed outbuilding. The outbuilding is approximately 13metres by 7.5metres and is 4metres high, constructed of tin with a pitched roof- refer below imagery.



Existing outbuilding. Note: the completed temple construct will enclose the outbuilding.

Access and Parking

As the Place of Worship is incidental to the short stay accommodation comprising the MCB, people accessing the temple will be existing guests and will not place an additional burden on the currently approved site access and on-site parking.