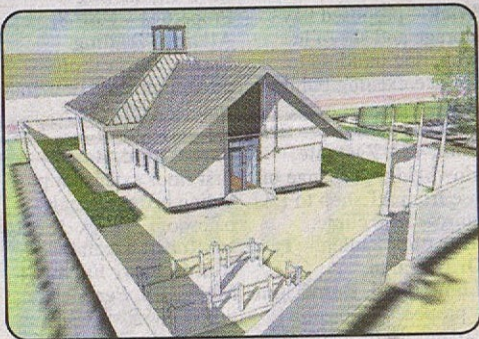


Temple for Gurkhas is welcomed by MP

VALE MP John Smith has welcomed plans submitted by Metrix to build a Gurkha temple for serving Gurkha servicemen and women, who will receive technical training at the £12 billion Defence Technical College in St Athan.

The MP commented: "The Defence Technical College will transform the way the Ministry of Defence delivers specialist engineering, communications and information systems training to UK Armed Forces.

"The Gurkha Temple will sit alongside a new church and world faith building in the site's multi-faith zone, reflecting the mix of religions represented within the UK's Armed Forces."



An artist's impression of what the Gurkha temple will look like.

Mr Smith, who championed the St Athan bid to win the Defence Technical College, said: "Metrix, the consortium of companies responsible for building and running the college, are to be congratulated for providing a place of worship for our Gurkha soldiers and their families - which the local community will also be able to use.

"The St Athan project

will transform the training experience for thousands of trainees from our Army, Navy and Air Force.

"Under one roof, here in the Vale of Glamorgan, our military personnel will learn some of the most sought-after technical skills in a bespoke environment, where their learning, recreational and spiritual needs are catered for."