

Press release

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**Wembley Stadium Arch to be lit up for Diwali**

Wembley Stadiums giant Arch will be lit up on 21st October in honour of this years Diwali celebrations - the Hindu and Sikh Festival of Light.

The idea to illuminate the iconic Wembley Arch came from the stadiums architect Lord Foster and Multiplex Andrew Roberts and was backed by stadium owner Wembley National Stadium Limited and Brent Council. The dramatic 133-metre-high arch soars above the stadium, and is visible from vantage points across London. Already a national symbol and a familiar landmark on the citys skyline, the stadium is a neighbour to Londons largest Hindu community, and the festival is traditionally marked by local celebrations. Every year, thousands of people light lanterns and fireworks that symbolise hope and the victory of good over evil. As a sign of appreciation to the local community as well as a wider message of optimism to the nation, the illumination of the arch will knit this great national symbol to the Hindu and Sikh communities of Wembley, the Capital and the UK.

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