

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 61
: Oaklands DRI Drive, Wokingham, Berks
: RG41 2SB
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Asad Lone
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/04/2025

COMMENTS:

The proposed mosque development (250543) has been carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with all relevant planning policies, including traffic, noise, and architectural standards. The project meets the requirements of both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Equality Act 2010, confirming that there are no legal or policy-based grounds for rejection.

Despite some misconceptions suggesting the mosque is a large-scale project, it is, in fact, a modest facility intended to serve the local Muslim community. Thorough impact assessments have addressed parking and traffic concerns, demonstrating that the project aligns with the character of the area and supports community diversity. The mosque will also enhance social integration by providing a communal space for worship, education, charity, and interfaith dialogue.

Traffic studies show that peak prayer times do not coincide with rush hours, minimizing disruption, and adequate parking will accommodate visitors. The design encourages sustainable travel, aligning with the borough's environmental goals.

Wokingham's commitment to diversity and inclusion supports the establishment of community spaces for all faiths. Approving this application would not only uphold these values but also provide essential spiritual and social benefits to the local Muslim community.

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