

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Reading Road
: Winnersh
: RG41
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Jatinder Kaur
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally OBJECT to this proposed development for numerous reasons:

1. The application form and plans state there will be a maximum of 70 attendees at any given time. IF this is to be believed, then this does not demonstrate a NEED within the area for this development. Percentage wise, the number of people that would benefit from this is disproportionate versus the impact it will have within the area and the local community.

Furthermore, given the numbers provided in the plan, there is more than adequate provisions already available locally in the 17 Mosques and Islamic Centres; one of which (Aisha Masjid and Islamic Centre) is no more than 3.4 miles away from this proposed site.

2. Having said the above, it is unlikely that the maximum number of attendees will be a maximum of 70 at a time. This unfortunately seems to be a misrepresentation on the application.

Reading through the comments on the planning application it is clear there will be a significantly higher number of people attending than stated in the application. In light of this, the application and supporting documentation have not addressed or planned appropriately for the proposed development. The proposals have included 14 car parking spaces. This is wholly inadequate. This is not conjecture but evidenced by a similar type of building which has more than quadruple the proposed parking spaces here.

The local Aisha Masjid which has in excess of 60 car parking spaces but still resulted in illegal parking on the roundabout, inconsiderate parking on residential streets and pavements. With even less parking proposed here, the parking issues will no doubt be exacerbated. It is highly likely people will resort to parking either in the residential streets or in the nearby retail park; negatively impacting businesses and customers alike.

3. Living in the area and working in Winnersh, I am highly familiar with the current congestion issues. This will only be aggravated by this proposed development. I see the plans make reference to car shares and attendees using public transport. This appears to be pure assumption, as the application has not provided any evidence to support this. Given, similar sites have issues with large number of cars, high costs of public transport and the timings of the sessions it would seem unlikely many would be using public transport especially when attending with children. The infrastructure already struggles with the existing traffic, air quality and noise pollution; adding this development here would be even more detrimental to residents, businesses and the environment.

4. The proposed development is in an area predominately classed as for business use. The Mosque/Islamic centre is not in line with this. There is currently secure entry to the site. How will this

work with the Mosque? Will the other businesses lose their secure access?

Furthermore, a dramatic change to the business park/area will inevitably lead to businesses leaving. This will be a huge loss to the area. More than ever, we need local businesses and local sources of employment.

5. I would encourage the planning committee to carefully consider the comments on this proposed development. Objections to this application have come from a cross section of demographics from within the local community; those that will be directly impacted if this development went ahead.

Whereas comments in favour of the development are coming from those that have a vested interest and as far as Exeter. This is not reflective of most of the local populace. I urge the planning committee to listen to the concerns and worries of the local residents.

I am sure in time an alternative and better suited location will be found. However, this is not it.