

PLANNING REF : 250543  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 45  
: Sadlers Lane, 45 Sadlers Lane, Winnersh Wokingham  
: RG41 5AJ  
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Rabia Mehr  
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing in support of the proposed Islamic community hub in the Winnersh area. Our multigenerational Muslim community is deeply integrated into Britain, in our classrooms, in the workplace and in the local community. We celebrate the British values of equality and tolerance, and feel that having a space for worship, education and community support will help us call our area home.

The proposed centre will:

- Reduce travel distances for local Muslims to other sites eg Aisha Mosque, making a space here in our own area
- Decrease traffic congestion at existing places of worship
- Provide a dedicated community space for social and religious activities
- Promote community integration and understanding- one of MCCW's core pillars is interfaith dialogue
- Facilitate religious practices and provide a community gathering space
- Support local residents' spiritual and social needs

Addressing concerns about interfaith harmony: contrary to concerns about potential tensions, our community has a proven track record of peaceful coexistence. For instance, the existing relationship between Aisha Masjid and its Sikh neighbours demonstrates remarkable interfaith cooperation, including:

- Shared facility usage
- Collaborative parking arrangements
- Mutual respect and understanding

The proposed Islamic community hub will strengthen our community as well as our integration in the area as well as providing essential services to local residents.

We respectfully request the committee's support for this application, recognising its potential to contribute positively to Winnersh's diverse and inclusive community.

Sincerely,

Rabia Mehr