

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 24a
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Sana Rizwan
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to express my strong support for Planning Application 250543 regarding the proposed change of use for Unit 4, Winnersh Fields, into an Islamic education, worship, and community centre. Currently, there is no dedicated facility for the Muslim community in this area, making it difficult for local Muslim residents to practice their faith and engage in community activities. This centre would fill a significant gap by providing a vital space for worship, religious education, and cultural programs. It would serve as a safe and welcoming hub where families can come together, children can learn, and the wider community can benefit from interfaith and outreach initiatives.

The presence of this centre will not only support the Muslim community but also contribute positively to Wokingham as a whole. It will foster diversity, inclusivity, and social cohesion, helping to build stronger connections between different communities. Furthermore, having an officially designated space for worship and community gatherings will reduce the need for makeshift arrangements, ensuring that religious practices are conducted in a well-managed and respectful manner.

Approving this application would be a meaningful step toward recognizing and accommodating the needs of all residents in our diverse community. I urge the Council to support this important initiative, which will enhance the social and cultural fabric of Wokingham.