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COMMENTS:

As someone exploring Islam, traveling from London to Reading just to feel more at ease highlights how important the right environment is. A new mosque wouldn't just benefit people like me-it would uplift the entire community. Yes, it might increase traffic, but it would also bring so much more: a vibrant space for everyone. It could offer after-school programs for children, creating safe places for learning and growth. It could host food drives, support local charities, and run interfaith events, bringing people of different backgrounds together and fostering mutual understanding. For local businesses, more visitors could mean increased foot traffic and economic activity. It would also ease the strain on the current mosque, allowing both mosques to serve their communities better. While there might be more cars and people, the positive ripple effect- a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive community-would far outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

A new, less busy mosque could make all the difference for me as I consider reverting to Islam. In a quieter environment, I'd feel safe and welcomed, able to ask questions, seek guidance, and learn at my own pace without feeling rushed or overlooked. It would give me the chance to connect with mentors or supportive members of the community in a way that feels personal and genuine. Having access to one-on-one learning opportunities, and a calmer prayer space would help me feel like I truly belong. Taking this step is such an important part of my life, and having a space where I feel valued and supported could be the key to fully embracing this new path

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