

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Stablecroft
: Greenacres Lane, Winnersh
: RG41 5HD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Luke Vincenzo D'Alessandro
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to the planning application for this mosque near my residence. While I respect the importance of religious worship and the needs of the community, I am deeply concerned about the proposed site's impact on local infrastructure and the significant disruption that prayer times and events could cause.

1. Insufficient Infrastructure for Additional Traffic

The area surrounding the proposed mosque already struggles with limited infrastructure, particularly in terms of traffic and parking: Parking Issues: Parking is scarce in our neighborhood, with residents often unable to find spaces near their homes. A mosque, likely attracting dozens or even hundreds of worshippers during peak times, would overwhelm the existing capacity, leading to blocked driveways, illegal parking, and potential hazards for pedestrians and emergency services.

Traffic Congestion: Local roads are not designed to accommodate a surge in vehicles, especially during prayer times or religious events like Friday prayers and Eid celebrations. This would worsen existing congestion, increase pollution, and compromise road safety in a residential area.

Without significant upgrades to parking facilities and road capacity or a robust traffic management plan I believe the infrastructure cannot handle the additional strain this development would bring. 2. Disruption from Prayer Times and Gatherings

The proposed mosque's proximity to residential properties raises serious concerns about noise and disturbance from regular prayers and larger events:

Daily Prayers: With five daily prayers, including early morning and late evening sessions, the constant arrival and departure of worshippers would generate noise from vehicles and gatherings. This would disrupt the quiet character of the neighborhood, particularly affecting families, the elderly, or those with irregular schedules.

Peak Events: Friday prayers and religious holidays would draw larger crowds, amplifying traffic and noise issues. Such frequent disruptions would fundamentally alter the peaceful residential environment we currently enjoy.

While I understand the mosque's purpose, these disturbances would place an unfair burden on nearby residents, especially without effective measures like soundproofing or restrictions on amplified calls to prayer.

3. Request for Consideration

Given these concerns, I respectfully urge the planning committee to: Reject the Application: The current location is unsuitable due to its impact on infrastructure and residential life. Alternative sites, such as areas with better road access or existing parking, should be explored instead.

Or Impose Conditions: If approval is considered, I request strict

measures, including a detailed traffic management plan, noise reduction strategies (e.g., no external loudspeakers), and consultation with residents to address ongoing issues.

Conclusion

In conclusion, while I support the right to worship, the proposed mosque's location near my residence would overburden our already strained infrastructure and disrupt daily life due to prayer-related activity. I ask the planning committee to carefully consider these practical concerns and prioritize the well-being of the local community in their decision.

Thank you for reviewing my objection. I am happy to provide further details if needed.