

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 10
: 10 Rhodes Close, Winnersh, Berkshire
: RG41 5SL
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Jaspreet Singh
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/03/2025

COMMENTS:

The proposed location is already a business site (contracted until 2027), and converting this site for an Islamic education, worship, and community centre is detrimental to business development. This site should be better utilised for initiatives that benefit the entire community, such as education for all, business, and other community-oriented activities.

In comparison to other religions, there are approximately 16 religious places within Reading (most of them within a 5-mile radius), in comparison to other religions like two Sikh Temples, one Hindu Temple, two places of worship for Jews, and two for Buddhists. This disparity raises concerns about potential biases in the allocation of resources.

Here are the Mosques/ Islamic centre in Reading:

1. Reading Islamic Centre (50-52 South Street)
2. Reading Islamic Centre (1,3 Amity Rd)
3. Reading University Muslim Centre
4. Abu Bakr Islamic Centre
5. Aisha Masjid & Islamic Centre
6. Jamme Masjid Reading
7. AI-Majid Centre
8. Central Kamme Masjid
9. An juman Muhibbsn-e-Rasool
10. Jamiat Ahl-E-Hadith
11. Ladies Jummah Salah
12. Cumberland Road Masjid
13. Masjid Taqwa
14. Caversham Muslim Association
15. Zainabiya Welfare Foundation
16. JKR & HCY Islamic Centre
17. Whitley Muslim Education

Inadequate parking spaces will exacerbate the existing parking constraints in the area, leading to traffic congestion and inconvenience. The council should unequivocally reject this application for this site, as well as any other application in the Winnersh area for Islamic centres.