

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 22 Hawkins Way
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 1UW
SUBMITTED BY : Mahnoor Iqbal
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COMMENTS:

Dear Wokingham Borough Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for Planning Application 250543, which seeks to establish an Islamic education, worship, and community centre at Unit 4, Winnersh Fields.

As a 23-year-old who attended school in the local area and has chosen to continue living here, I have seen firsthand the need for more

community spaces that bring people together and support cultural and religious diversity.

Unfortunately, the Muslim community has often faced racism and prejudice, in part due to isolation and a lack of understanding. By establishing a visible and accessible centre, this project will provide opportunities for engagement, education, and interfaith dialogue, helping to break down barriers and combat discrimination. Encouraging positive interactions between different communities will help grow mutual respect and understanding, making Wokingham a more inclusive and welcoming place for all residents.

The charity behind this application, Muslim Community Connect Wokingham (MCCW), has already demonstrated great initiative in promoting

integration through its existing events, such as raising awareness of special educational needs and supporting other local charities. Their commitment to inclusivity and social cohesion is evident, and this

centre will further enhance their ability to serve the community in meaningful ways.

I believe this project will have a very positive impact on Wokingham, and I sincerely hope the Council will approve this application for the betterment of our area and residents.