

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 152 Norreys Ave
: Wokingham
: RG40 1UQ
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Aasia Khan
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COMMENTS:

For years, the Muslim community in Wokingham has been longing for a place to come together, yet we remain scattered and isolated. We have no local centre to support our religious, social, and educational needs. Instead, we are forced to seek connections in out-of-town

mosques and community centres, but this has proven exhausting and unsustainable. The long distances make regular participation nearly impossible, leaving us feeling disconnected and unsupported. Our children, in particular, suffer the most growing up without a sense of belonging, without the opportunity to engage with their faith and community in a meaningful way.

We have prayed for someone to take the initiative to create a local hub where we can gather, learn, and worship together. After so many years, that prayer has finally been answered with this application. This is not just a planning request it is a lifeline for a community that has been struggling in isolation for far too long.

I wholeheartedly support this proposal for an Islamic education, worship, and community centre. This facility is desperately needed. It will provide a safe, welcoming space where we can nurture our faith, support one another, and strengthen the bonds of our community. More than that, it will serve as a centre for cultural exchange, education, and charity benefiting not only Muslims but the wider community as well.

Denying this application would mean continuing to leave an entire community without a place to call its own. Approving it would be a step toward inclusion, unity, and a stronger, more connected Wokingham. I urge you to recognise the importance of this centre and grant the approval it so rightly deserves.