

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Atherton Close
: Tilehurst, Reading, Berks
: RG30 4NH
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Mehjabeen Siddiqui
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/03/2025

COMMENTS:

As someone born and raised in Reading, I wholeheartedly welcome this mosque to the Wokingham community. This will be an invaluable addition, especially for the residents of Winnersh and the surrounding areas, where there is a clear need for such a facility. I believe that the mosque will not only serve the local Muslim population but also the wider community in Wokingham. It will provide opportunities for cross-cultural exchanges, interfaith events, and community support programs that benefit people of all faiths and backgrounds.

As an NHS professional, I can confidently say that our community desperately requires spaces that address loneliness, foster social connections, and provide opportunities for people of all ages to engage in activities that promote overall health and well-being. In particular, this mosque will be a significant resource for the vulnerable in our society- the elderly, widowed individuals, as well as for carers of children and young people.

While I understand that there have been concerns regarding parking and traffic, I am confident that with thoughtful planning and cooperation, these issues can be mitigated. Many places of worship have successfully managed such challenges, and I trust that the mosque's leadership will take appropriate measures to ensure smooth integration into the local infrastructure. Whilst parking constraints exist in many areas across the UK including primary schools on a daily basis, I urge you to focus on the far-reaching benefits and immense value this building will bring to the community.

It will provide a space for social interaction, mental well-being, and community development, qualities vital for a healthy and vibrant community.