

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1
: Shelgate walk Shelgate Walk, Woodley
: RG53DP
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Malik Ansari
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Subject: Support for Planning Application 250543 - Unit 4, Winnersh Fields

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Planning Application 250543, which proposes the change of use of Unit 4, Winnersh Fields, into an Islamic education, worship, and community centre. This development will bring several valuable benefits to the local community, as outlined below:

Educational Opportunities:

The proposed centre will serve as a hub for learning, offering educational programs for children and adults. This will help enhance knowledge, provide tutoring support, and encourage cultural awareness among the diverse population of Wokingham.

Community Cohesion:

The facility will foster inclusivity by bringing people together through interfaith and community events. A dedicated space for communal activities can help strengthen social bonds, reduce isolation, and promote mutual understanding among residents.

Welfare and Support Services:

Many faith-based centres provide essential welfare services, including food banks, mental health support, and assistance for vulnerable individuals. This centre could contribute positively to the wider community by offering such initiatives.

Optimisation of Vacant Space:

The change of use would revitalise an existing building, ensuring that the space is put to productive use rather than remaining vacant. This will contribute to the local economy and encourage further positive development in the area.

Traffic and Accessibility Considerations:

The site is well-located with adequate transport links, ensuring that visitors can access the centre without significant disruption to local traffic or infrastructure.

Given these benefits, I urge the planning committee to approve this application, as it will enhance educational access, community well-being, and social cohesion in Wokingham.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
M Ansari