

Planning application 250543

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Comments:

I am writing in support of the proposed community space . In this submission I want to outline the reasons why this proposal should be supported.

Purpose

I support this on account of the beneficial and positive purpose the facility is proposed to be used for.

The facility is designed to be used as a prayer/gathering space and education facility for the local Muslim community. These uses are grounded in charitable, spiritual, community, educational, and welfare aspects. Such aspects are almost universally important, for any religion or community. As such, each element of the facility's purpose - whether its educational or charitable or all in between - enhances the wellbeing of the community that makes use of it. This facility provides Wokingham with an opportunity to further the extent to which its diverse set of communities contribute and enrich local civic life.

Location

I also support this proposal on the grounds of the benefits this location would provide.

At present, the local Muslim community find themselves shuttling between various spaces which, whilst we are grateful to be able to use, are not ideal spaces. And, in situations where these are not available, alternative locations are not locally accessible. This proposed facility allows us to ensure we can utilise a space which is consistent, accessible, and better suited to accommodate a wider range of uses.

Cultural Significance

It would be a point of cultural significance for Wokingham to further engage with one of its many communities by accepting this proposal. Wokingham is a place of fascinating diversity. To be able for the town to demonstrate such tangible and concrete support for its communities would be a great thing.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you are able to consider accepting this proposal.