

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Eastgate Court
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Karima Gadhi
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the establishment of an Islamic education and worship centre in Wokingham. With a Muslim population of approximately 8,597 individuals, representing 4.8% of our community (ONS, 2021), the need for a dedicated place of worship and community gathering is both evident and pressing. Currently, many Muslim families must travel to neighboring areas such as Earley and Reading to attend mosques like the Aisha Masjid & Islamic Centre . This journey can be particularly challenging for families with young children and the elderly, especially during significant religious observances.

The proposed centre would serve as more than just a place of worship; it would be a vibrant community hub offering educational programs, social services, and charitable initiatives. The Wokingham Islamic Centre envisions creating a space that fosters faith, learning, and communal harmony .

Establishing a mosque in Wokingham would:

- Support Youth Development: Provide educational programs and activities that engage young people positively.
- Enhance Community Cohesion: Offer a venue for interfaith dialogues and multicultural events, promoting understanding and unity among all residents.
- Provide Social Services: Serve as a centre for charitable initiatives, benefiting the broader community through outreach programs.