

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Drake Way
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: RG2 ONX
SUBMITTED BY : Mr F Khan
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing as a long-standing, law-abiding resident and professional to express my strong support for repurposing the existing building into a mosque and community centre in Winnersh.

Wokingham's Muslim population has grown from 4,000 in 2011 to over ,600 today, yet there is no local mosque to accommodate their needs. Many residents must travel long distances, creating congestion at existing mosques and limiting access to essential community services. A dedicated centre would address these practical challenges while fostering inclusivity and social cohesion.

Muslims contribute significantly across various sectors, including healthcare (NHS), education, technology, and finance. This centre would not only serve as a place of worship but also as a hub for community engagement, open dialogue, and peaceful coexistence.

We understand concerns about integration and are committed to being responsible, collaborative neighbours. This initiative is about strengthening our community, promoting shared values, and ensuring all residents have spaces that meet their needs. I urge you to consider the positive impact this centre will have on the Winnersh community and to support this much-needed development.

Sincerely,
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