

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Jersey Drive Winnersh
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COMMENTS:

write in full support of repurposing this existing building to an Islamic education & community center & a place of worship.

Muslims community needs a dedicated place to practice their faith freely, just like any other religious group. This building can be used as a central space to ensure that they have a dedicated space for worship, education, and community activities.

Muslim population is growing, and existing mosques are either too far away or overcrowded hence there is a need of a new Islamic center & a community hub in a local area which addresses this need, providing a larger, more comfortable space for congregational prayers and events.

A mosque is not just a place of worship; it's a community hub. It provides a safe space for socializing, education, and cultural activities, fostering a sense of belonging and community cohesion.

Concerns about traffic and parking are understandable. However, the proposal includes a comprehensive parking plan and traffic management strategy to minimize the impact on the surrounding area.

Mosques are designed to be peaceful and respectful of the surrounding community. The community users of the mosque will ensure that the mosque's design and operations minimize noise and disturbance.

We believe that a mosque can be a bridge between cultures, promoting understanding and integration. Plans to host interfaith events, cultural exhibitions, and community activities can foster positive relationships with neighbors.

Robust security measures will be in place such as CCTV cameras, secure entry systems, and collaboration with local law enforcement to ensure every one's safety.

A dedicated place helps to plan for educational programs and outreach initiatives to promote understanding and awareness of Islam and Muslim culture.

I believe that interfaith dialogue is essential for building a harmonious community by engaging in regular dialogue with local faith leaders and community groups to promote mutual understanding and respect.

This mosque/ Islamic center will be a hub for community service, providing support for local food banks, charities, and community initiatives.

The construction and operation of the mosque will create volunteering opportunities for our youth & local residents, they can utilise their skills effectively which can have a positive impact on their personalities.

The mosque will attract visitors and investors, boosting local businesses and stimulating economic growth.

In conclusion, having a new mosque is essential for addressing the needs of the Muslim community, promoting social cohesion, and contributing to the local economy. A mosque is a positive addition to the area, promoting understanding, respect, and cooperation.