

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Winnersh
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: RG41
SUBMITTED BY : R Evans
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the planning application for the conversion of the office space into an Islamic Education Centre and mosque in the proposed location. While I respect the importance of community religious and educational facilities, I believe that this

proposed development will cause significant adverse effects on the local area.

The area surrounding the proposed development is located in a small close that is not designed to accommodate high levels of traffic, especially during peak hours. Despite the presence of the new relief road, the A329 still remains a very busy road. The proposed development is likely to result in heavy congestion, particularly during prayer times and educational sessions.

There is a lack of sufficient parking space in the area, which will result in an increase of on-street parking and illegal parking in side roads, leading to possible safety risks for both pedestrians and drivers.

The noise levels from congregational prayers, amplified calls to prayer, large gatherings associated with the mosque, along with all the other proposed activities will be extremely disruptive for neighbouring residents and to the surrounding residential community, diminishing the quality of life in the area.

The conversion of an office space into a religious facility is not in keeping with the character of the surrounding residential area. Surely a unit within the Winnersh Triangle complex could provide a suitable site without causing conflict within a residential area.