

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 15 Redwood Avenue
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SUBMITTED BY : Abdel Hafez
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/03/2025

COMMENTS:

We know Reading and Wokingham is an inclusive area and faiths do get on. However, I would oppose this request to change an office to a mosque for the following:

- it's too close to a new Sikh Centre. Being too close to a Gurdwara would cause too much of an issue where there has been tension in the past. I would not want a mosque near to any other place of worship due to tensions. We must not over burden our police and community.

- everyone is commenting on parking and this is a big issue. With experience of those running other mosques, we have in the past taken advantage of others and I fear we are expecting other sites to share their parking with us but there is no guarantee. As we have seen with other mosques where we have upset neighbours due to problematic parking so it's better we as a community find a site which has its own dedicated parking rather than being dependent on others. Also, car sharing is not really encouraged as claimed as we know many families in the community who wouldn't want to share their car.

- I would strongly encourage our community leaders to, instead of trying to find lots of smaller sites scattered across the town and thus causing local issues, it would be better find a single large site which has can easily accommodate our large community and parking. There will be approximately 1,000 people attending this proposed site so potentially 100 cars so the planning and assessment needs to consider another building.