

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3
: Rainbow Park
: RG41 5SE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr S Jones
DATE SUBMITTED : 10/04/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed mosque on the grounds of significant parking inadequacies and the inevitable impact this will have on local businesses and residents.

Parking Concerns & Impact on Local Area

The proposed development does not adequately cater to the parking needs of worshippers, particularly during peak times such as Friday prayers and religious events. The lack of sufficient on-site parking will result in overspill parking, which will:

Block driveways and residential streets, causing disruption and inconvenience to local homeowners.

Impact local businesses by taking up valuable customer parking, potentially leading to a decline in trade.

Increase illegal or unsafe parking, creating hazards for pedestrians and emergency vehicle access.

We have seen a clear example of these issues at the London Road mosque, where parking remains a major problem years after it was approved. Despite assurances at the time, the congestion caused by that development still affects residents daily, and authorities are still struggling to manage the situation. We do not want to see the same mistakes repeated here.

The site is located near a busy junction, which is already under pressure from existing traffic levels. Adding a high-footfall venue such as a mosque, particularly one that will generate large surges of traffic at specific times, will make the situation worse by:

Increasing congestion at peak hours, affecting both residents and businesses.

Adding pressure on an already overburdened junction, leading to longer delays and higher risks of accidents.

Making it more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children and elderly residents in the area.

It is also concerning that the overwhelming support in the planning comments appears to come from a single community group, while the broader local community is not benefiting from this proposal. A place of worship catering to one group should not come at the cost of the wider community's quality of life, safety, and accessibility.

This development will cause long-term parking, traffic, and

accessibility problems for local businesses and residents. Given the persistent issues caused by the London Road mosque, it is clear that the same problems will arise here. Without a proper solution for parking and traffic management, this application should be refused.

I urge the planning committee to reject this proposal unless the applicant can demonstrate a realistic and enforceable plan to manage parking and prevent disruption to the local community.