

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 22 Aldbourne Avenue
: Earley Reading, Berkshire
: RG67DB
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Palwasha Ikram
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/04/2025

COMMENTS:

Planning Department
Wokingham Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the planning application for an Islamic community centre and mosque in Wokingham.

As a resident of Wokingham for 3 years. I have seen the Muslim population grow, now making

up 4% of our community according to the 2018 census. It is time for Muslims to have a local place of worship.

Some believe that Islamic centres in Reading, Slough, and Maidenhead suffice, but they do not meet the specific needs of Wokingham's Muslim community. This centre will provide a vital hub for social, cultural, and educational activities, fostering unity and inclusivity.

Concerns about parking and traffic can be addressed through collaboration between project leaders and the council.

This centre will also boost the local economy by creating jobs and attracting visitors, enhancing Wokingham's reputation for valuing diversity.

I urge the council to approve this application for the positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Palwasha Ikram