

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Robin Hood Lane
: Winnersh, Wokingham
: RG41 5LU
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Aziz Siddiqui
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/04/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly support the proposal for a Muslim community centre in Wokingham, providing essential local facilities for education, worship, and community engagement. Having lived in the area for over 30 years, this is the first time I have truly felt part of a community and been able to participate. As a widow, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of having a dedicated space where community members can connect, support one another, and prevent isolation.

The planned female prayer area is especially valuable, and I look forward to accessible gymnastics and fitness activities, which are currently very limited in our area. This facility is essential for the mental and physical well-being of our local community members.

Until now, we have had to rent multiple venues, which can be difficult to access, especially for those without a car. The proposed location is ideal, with excellent public transport links, well-lit access, and a safe environment. Parking is also managed responsibly by volunteers to minimise disruption. With the recent approval of a Sikh Gurdwara nearby, this centre would further enrich Wokingham's multicultural community.

I urge the council to approve this proposal to meet a vital local need.