

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Harmar Close
: Wokingham
: RG401SG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Mohammad Awan
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/04/2025

COMMENTS:

I would like to show my support in favour of this planning application. I have been a Wokingham resident for over a decade and currently have to travel to Reading to visit a mosque. While the Muslim community has grown over the years as backed by census data, there is now a real need for a local mosque to be used not only for prayers but also for other community gatherings and events.

As seen on the news recently, the supportive royal family visits to Islamic community center in West London is one of the many examples of the diverse set of activities such as charity fundraising that can be enabled with the presence of a local Muslim hub. We also use our mosques as a place of community and somewhere for our children to take part in learning activities which is a crucial requirement to keep our children engaged.

I believe this application will also ease some of the undue pressures on other mosques and surrounding areas and whilst there may be concerns around parking, congestion etc, these can be addressed and solved with collaboration within the community and the council as mentioned on various other comments.

I would urge the council to assess this application in light of the needs of the minority constituents and firmly believe this would have a positive impact on the wider community and sets us on the right path of achieving diversity and inclusivity in our borough.