

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

COMMENTS:

I strongly support the proposal for a Muslim community centre in Wokingham. This facility will provide essential local spaces for worship, education, and community activities, particularly benefiting residents in Winnersh, Wokingham, and the surrounding areas, where such a space is greatly needed. Having been born and raised in Reading, I know there is a desperate need for a dedicated facility in our community.

This centre will not only serve the local Muslim population but will also offer opportunities for cross-cultural exchange, interfaith events, and community support programs that benefit people of all backgrounds. I have seen firsthand the urgent need for spaces that combat loneliness, foster social connections, and support the mental and physical well-being of all ages, particularly the elderly, professional families, and carers.

Currently, our community rents multiple venues, which are often difficult to access. The proposed location is ideal, with excellent public transport links and well-lit access, ensuring it is safe for females and families with children. While parking is a common concern across the UK, including at schools, responsible coordination from the management will ensure minimal disruption, as has been successfully demonstrated by other places of worship.

This centre will enrich Wokingham's multicultural community, providing a vital space for social interaction, well-being, and community development. I urge the council to approve this proposal to meet a critical local need.