

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 37 Bulmershe Ro Flat 5
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG1 5RH
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Pooja Singh
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/04/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Council

My name is Pooja Singh, and as a proud member of this diverse community, I feel compelled to express my support for the construction of the proposed mosque.

While I am not a Muslim myself, I deeply value the principles of fairness, religious freedom, and community harmony. I am concerned by the opposition that has emerged against this project, much of which, unfortunately, appears to be rooted not in legitimate concerns but in intolerance and prejudice.

Excuses such as "traffic" and "parking" are being used repeatedly, yet we have seen numerous other developments including places of worship, community centers, and commercial projects that have raised similar logistical questions but have gone ahead without being subjected to this level of resistance. It is difficult to ignore the underlying tone of bigotry behind some of the arguments being presented.

Our community should not stand for this. We should welcome the mosque as we would welcome any initiative that brings people together and serves the common good. The Muslim community deserves the same rights and opportunities as any other group to practice their faith and contribute positively to our shared society.

I sincerely hope the council will make a decision based on principles of equality, inclusion, and justice values I believe most of us hold dear.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,
Pooja Singh