

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Bridle Road
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: RG2 9QT
SUBMITTED BY : Furqan Ali
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to express my support for application 250543 to establish a Mosque and Islamic Community Centre in Wokingham.

The Muslim community in Wokingham are a diverse, locally invested and active group that positively contribute to and represent all aspects of society.

The development of a dedicated space for worship and wider community initiatives will help facilitate religious observance (as has been afforded to other religious groups in the area) and will support greater cohesion between faith and non-faith groups through its activities.

Any increased footfall to the area because of the development will increase revenue to local businesses and eateries. A local centre will also mean lower traffic emissions given the reduced need to travel further in to Reading/Bracknell, which currently, the local Wokingham community has no choice but to do.

Legitimate concerns around potential traffic congestion and issues around parking can be mitigated through effective consultation with local residents and mosque management to ensure these are being considered and addressed in a transparent, collaborative way. This could include time limited parking suspensions during peak times (friday prayers for e.g) or enhanced public transport and walking routes to reduce car traffic.

I reiterate my support for this application and urge the decision making committee to agree.

Regards

F.Ali