

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Seven Oaks Road Wokingham
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SUBMITTED BY : Tariq Khan
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COMMENTS:

Objection is based on the following:

1. Lack of formal correspondence about this change of use. Living and working near by it feels the owners have deliberately kept this and not informed local traders about their intention as they know it's not sustainable.
2. The access to the site is access controlled and there are risks and dangers for families with children and the elderly to be in the business park during peak times where heavy and large vehicles are in the area.
3. The suggestion they would car share or use the new gurdwara parking or Halfords/Wicks parking is a no-go. Various studies show people don't carpool and the muslim community previously stated for other mosques in Oxford Road and London they would car share but that hasn't been the case. Also, the retail units are reserved for customer parking only, and it's unlikely the gurdwara would also muslims to use their parking give they have their own people visiting there.
4. This site is too small for community functions and, going back to points 1 and 2, charity and youth programmes are better placed in areas where there's no restrictions to access (remember this site has a controlled barrier) and they have their own permanent parking.
5. As a trading site that's open 24/7 workers will be smoking and eating whatever food they like and so they shouldn't be expected to conform and if there's any trouble it'll be the mosque's fault; thus from a crime and social disorder this would only make the area worse.