PLANNING REF : 250486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2
: 2 Rushall Place, Winnersh
: RG41 5SY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr KP KP
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/03/2025

COMMENTS:
I am writing to formally oppose the proposed religious community center. While I respect the intent to create a space for worship and community activities, the current proposal raises serious concerns that I believe justify its rejection. In addition to the issues previously outlined, I would like to highlight further critical objections:

Safety and Emergency Access : The site's proximity to residential homes and narrow streets could impede emergency vehicle access during events or emergencies. This poses a direct risk to public safety and disaster response efforts.
Cultural Shift : The proposed location encroach on, which are vital to the community's identity and heritage.
Privacy and Property Rights : Increased foot traffic and potential surveillance (e.g., security cameras, attendee monitoring) could infringe on residents' privacy and diminish the sense of security in their own homes.
Drainage and Flooding Risks : Construction activities and impermeable surfaces (e.g., parking lots) may disrupt natural drainage patterns, exacerbating flooding in an area already prone to waterlogging during heavy rains.
Impact on Local Businesses : The center's operations could divert patronage from nearby small businesses or create competition for limited resources (e.g., parking, utilities), harming the local economy.
Aesthetic and Architectural Incompatibility : The usage of the proposed facility appears inconsistent with the neighborhood's architectural character, potentially lowering curb appeal and property values.

Precedent for Overdevelopment : Approving this project could set a problematic precedent for future high-density developments in low-impact residential zones, undermining long-term urban planning goals.
Lack of Transparency in Planning : The community was not adequately consulted during the proposal's drafting phase, raising concerns about accountability and equitable decision-making.
Youth and Family Safety : Large gatherings without sufficient safeguards (e.g., traffic control, crowd management) could endanger children and families in the vicinity.
Resource Allocation : Public resources (e.g., police, sanitation services) may be disproportionately diverted to manage the center's activities, diverting attention from existing community needs. These concerns, combined with the issues outlined in my initial correspondence, underscore why this proposal is incompatible with the well-being of our neighbourhood. I urge the council to reject the application and prioritize solutions that balance community needs with sustainable, inclusive development.