

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 356 Reading Road
: Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 5EJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Christopher Elvin
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COMMENTS:

I object to the proposal on the following grounds:

There is woefully inadequate provision for parking and this will lead to a combination of:

- illegal and/or unsafe and or inconsiderate parking in and around Gazelle Close. This is both a nuisance and a safety issue.
- parking by users of the Islamic Centre in the car parks of Halfords, Wickes and Pets At Home. This will be to the detriment of both the patrons of these retail units and of the retailers. Potential customers will be deterred due to lack of parking caused by overflow from the Islamic Centre.

Furthermore, the use of the building is not in keeping with the surrounding building sin that there will be a continual streams of arrivals and departures rather than a couple of bursts of activity ea ch weekday. This presents issues for public safety because of the increased and highly concentrated traffic flow. Without adequate and proper provision for drop-off and pick up areas outside the Islamic Centre, there is a considerably ibcreased risk of injury to pedestrians in the area

Additionally the current traffic restrictions at the junction between Gazelle Close and Reading Road are already being regularly ignored and increasing the traffic into and out of Gazelle Close without changing the layout and/or type of junction onto the Reading Road is a recipe for disaster. At busy times there will be extended queues of traffic on the Reading Road as vehicle wait to turn right into Gazelle Close - perhaps as far as the roundabout at the Showcase Cinema where the knock-on effects will be huge. Similarly, the extra traffic turning left out of Gazelle Close onto the Reading Road will cause further congestion at the Showcase roundabout and will encourage drivers to make an illegal right-turn onto Reading road which is clearly not only undesirable but also extremely unsafe.

I would further like to draw the committee's attention to the upcoming decision on the proposal for an Aldi store in Gazelle Close which is due to be decided next month. If granted, this in itself will greatly increase traffic volumes on Gazelle Close and adding in the extra traffic burden associated with the Islamic Centre is simply unacceptable.