

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Watmore Lane
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr A Saz
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the approval of any new religious centres in Winnersh, both now and in the future. While I respect all faiths, I strongly believe that such developments lead to increased noise, traffic, and disturbances that negatively impact local residents and disrupt the harmony of diverse community groups.

The council has already approved one such centre, which in my view was a mistake, as it has added pressure on local infrastructure. Now, with the government launching an inquiry into the Aldi planning application an application initially approved by the council but later rejected by the Environmental Agency there is growing doubt within the community about the council's decision-making process. This raises concerns about whether certain individuals within the council are influencing decisions for their own purposes, rather than acting in the best interest of the wider community. The council should make planning decisions based on practical considerations, such as infrastructure capacity and community well-being, rather than religious factors or the population growth of a single group.

Winnersh and Wokingham should remain balanced residential and commercial areas, ensuring they continue to be attractive places for families and businesses. I urge the council to reject any future applications for religious centres, focusing instead on preserving the quality of life for existing residents. Many people practice their faith privately within their homes or travel reasonable distances to established places of worship, and I believe this should be encouraged rather than adding further strain on local infrastructure or causing disruptions to other community groups.