



Darus Salam Mosque & Islamic Centre

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RE: Application Number **130538/FO/2021**

Proposal: Change of use for No 43, B1 (offices) – to D1 non residential institutions (place of worship)

Location: 43 Slade Lane, Manchester, M13 0QJ

The primary reason for the purchase and expansion into 43 Slade Lane was to accommodate the members of our congregation who had to pray outside in our car park during Friday (Jummah) prayers (we can provide picture evidence of this and supporting statements from the MP and councillors to support this if required). With the purchase of 43 Slade Lane, we can now move these worshippers inside and free up space in our car park for vehicles.

Friday (Jummah) prayer at 1pm is the only time when the Mosque reaches near to full capacity. During Friday (Jummah) prayer, we have approximately 200 people on site split over two services due to social distancing regulations from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Prior to enacting Covid safety measures Friday prayers were held in one service from 12:30 to 1:30.

For all other prayer times we only need to open the main prayer hall in 45-47 Slade Lane to accommodate our congregation of which only approximately 30 regularly attend.

1. Please see the attached site location plan labelled “01 - BJ_Mosque_2-Existing House 001_Blue and Red Boundary.pdf” showing the site edged in red as requested including 47-47 Slade Lane and the curtilage of these properties and also two street names. The existing Mosque property is outlined in blue.
2. Opening times for the Mosque. **43 Slade Lane is only utilised during Friday prayers from 12:30pm until 2:30pm.** The main Mosque buildings, 45-47 Slade Lane is open during different times of the day for prayer utilising only the main prayer hall on the ground floor (labelled Main Prayer Hall on the floorplans). The prayer times change throughout the year. The Mosque is usually open 15 minutes before prayer starts and then closes 15 minutes after prayer ends. At current (July) prayer times are:
 - a. Fajr Prayer 3:50am
 - b. Zuhr Prayer 2:00pm
 - c. Asr Prayer 5:42pm
 - d. Maghrib Prayer 9:42pm
 - e. Isha Prayer 11:00pm



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3. Statement of operations:

- a. The activities taking place at the Mosque **prior to the Covid-19 pandemic** are as follows:
 - i. A communal prayer space for members of the congregation during the allotted prayer times as described above and in the attached prayer timetable. During normal daily prayers described above 2a-2e we have approximately 30 people attending
 - ii. Daily religious educational classes for children aged between 4 and 16
 - iii. Weekend Arabic classes for children
 - iv. Evening Quran classes
 - v. Daily prayer meetings for the whole community
 - vi. Weekly religious educational classes and prayer meetings specifically for women
 - vii. Weekly lecture program on a variety of religious topics for the whole community
 - viii. Weekly religious educational classes and prayer meetings for the whole community
 - ix. Special guest lectures are organised for the whole community
 - x. Daily Iftar meals were served during Ramadan so the congregation could gather and break their fasts together with neighbours of other faiths as well
 - xi. Award ceremonies were held for the students who attend the Mosque organised classes to celebrate their achievements
 - xii. Award ceremonies were held to recognise members of the congregation, public and wider community who had served the local community with distinction
 - xiii. Regular health and safety, first aid training was held at the Mosque
 - xiv. Local medical professionals were invited to give special guest lectures to the congregation on health and well being
 - xv. Weekly coffee evenings were held with a standing invitation to the whole community and practisers of other beliefs
 - xvi. Leisure activities for adults and children were organised
 - xvii. The Mosque childrens football team would gather at the Mosque before and after their activities for refreshments
- b. The activities taking place at the Mosque **post Covid-19** are as follows:
 - i. The charity was impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic and closed all facilities in March 2020, in accordance with Government guidelines
 - Daily communal prayers were suspended
 - Friday prayers were suspended
 - All community events were suspended
 - Education classes were suspended
 - The Charity's Community Awards were postponed



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- ii. A communal prayer space for members of the congregation during the allotted prayer times as described above and in the attached prayer timetable. During normal daily prayers described above 2a-2e we have approximately 30 people attending. With social distancing and other Covid safety measures in place
 - iii. Daily religious educational classes were reintroduced in April 2020, taking place remotely on Zoom for children between the ages of 4 to 16
 - iv. The Mosque re-opened in July 2020, in accordance with Government restrictions. Changes were made to ensure the safety of all attendees including compulsory mask wearing, social distancing, and reduced capacity and cleaning after every prayer
 - v. The Friday prayers returned in July 2020 with online registration to reduce amount of people entering the mosque
 - vi. Special programmes have taken place throughout the year on Zoom and on the radio
 - vii. Outstanding achievements were recognised and rewarded throughout the year; students who had demonstrated great commitment, hard-work, dedication and willingness to learn and succeed received awards
 - viii. A committee agreed to launch competitions for children under the age of 14, to keep them engaged with the mosque
 - ix. Local Muslim Medical professionals and community leaders have attended the mosque and given advice to members of the congregation relating to physical and mental wellbeing, particularly aimed at the elderly
 - x. An online class was established for adults
 - xi. Community events took place online to battle loneliness during lockdown
- c. With the expansion into 43 Slade Lane, we are not planning any change to the Mosque's activities and times of activity. The numbers of daily visitors is not expected to rise.
- d. The vast majority of our congregation live or work locally and within walking distance. Almost all of our congregation choose to walk to the Mosque. For those who choose to drive (mainly those who have mobility issues) we have parking spaces available to them at the front of the buildings away from the public road.
- e. Any servicing vehicles that arrive on site can park at the front of the buildings away from the public road.
4. Please see the attached site layout plan labelled "04-05 - BJ_Darus Salam Revit Model_Existing Model_Measured Survey-Sheet - P 009_Site Plan.pdf" showing the building in relation to the site boundaries.

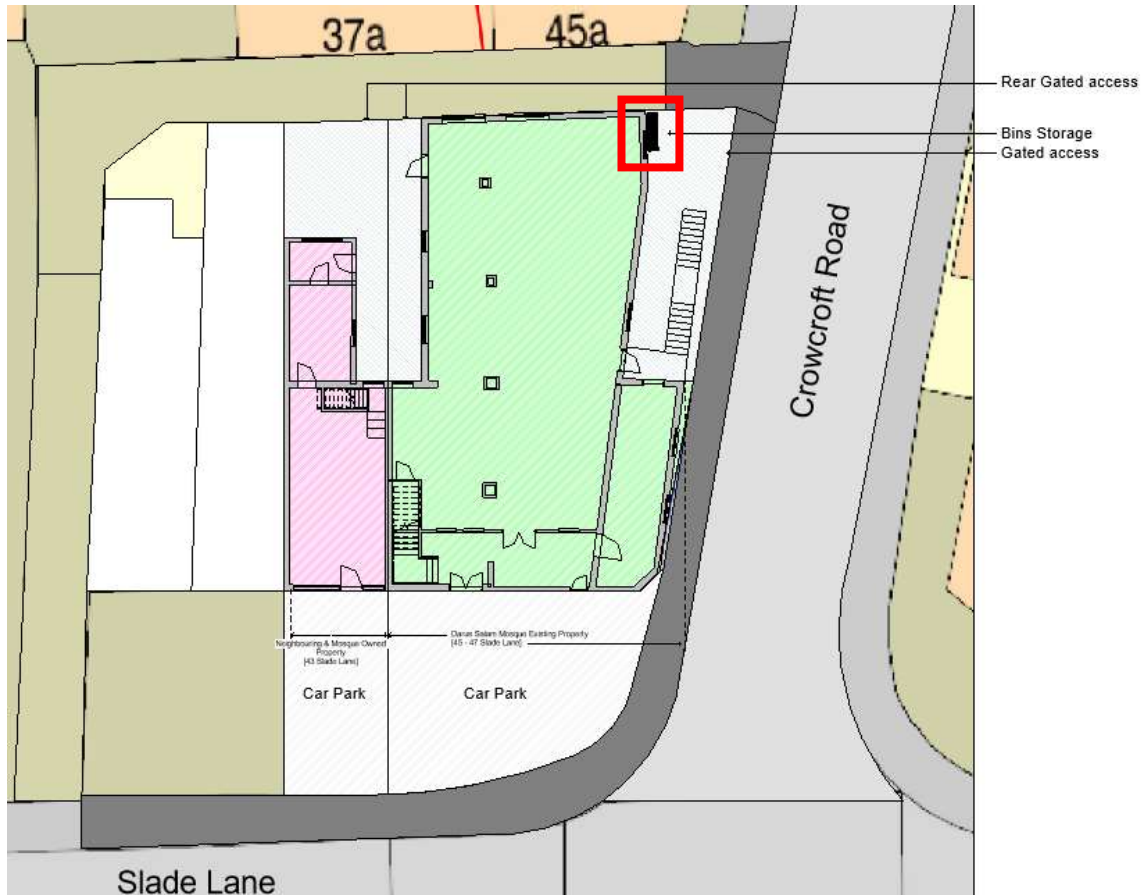


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5. Due to the nature of the Mosque's activities, we do not generate a lot of waste.
- a. We have 3x grey bins stored at the rear right hand side of the mosque as per the drawing below:



- b. The bins are left out on Slade Lane when they are due to be emptied every other Friday and then returned to the rear of the Mosque once they have been emptied.
6. Please see attached PDF of annotated floor plans labelled "04 - BJ_Darus Salam Revit Model_Existing Model_Measured Survey-Sheet - BR 013 - Level 0_As Existing_REV_A.pdf" and "04 - BJ_Darus Salam Revit Model_Existing Model_Measured Survey-Sheet - BR 014 - Level 1_As Existing_REV_A.pdf" showing the use of the rooms throughout the buildings.

Kind Regards,

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Trustee of Darus Salam Mosque and Islamic Centre, Manchester