



To:

Carl Glennon
Planning Department
Manchester City Council

By email only

cc: Cllr Afia Kamal

10th December 2021

Dear Carl,

Re: Planning application 130538/FO/2021

Thank you for your attention to the matter thus far. Below I have answers to some questions that you have asked in recent emails and a letter dated 07/12/2021.

1. Environmental Health

- 1.1. We currently do not have any recycling bins. The general waste bins that we do have are not full on collection days. The Mosque generates very little waste pre & post Covid-19. However, we have now requested a paper-recycling bin and a plastics-recycling bin as those could be beneficial for the Mosque and bolster the Mosque's efforts to go Green.
- 1.2. The current number of attendees to the Mosque is approximately 200, although that number is only reached on Friday during the lunchtime prayer service. This prayer has now reverted to a single service.
- 1.3. The neighbouring property (41 Slade Lane) is entirely an office and does not contain any residential spaces.
 - 1.3.1. The proposal of a noise breakout solution between 41 & 43 Slade Lane is an unnecessary step. As per my previous letters, 43 Slade Lane would only be used as a prayer space for the Mosque for approximately 45 minutes a week (during Friday prayer service). Furthermore, please see the attached letter from the occupiers of 41 Slade Lane "ZIA & CO Letter RE: Mosque".
 - 1.3.2. The prayer service itself is generally a quiet affair with the noise levels only rising slightly when the congregation is exiting the Mosque.
 - 1.3.3. We currently have no plans to install any external loudspeaker, amplifiers, bells or PA systems.

2. Highways

- 2.1. As mentioned previously, the majority of our congregation travel by foot to the Mosque. There are numerous narrations from our Prophet PBUH that specifically mention that travelling by foot to the prayer is more rewarding and for this reason, most of the worshipers follow his example and come to the Mosque by foot. We deliver regular reminders to the congregation concerning the spiritual and physical health benefits of walking to the Mosque and these notices are heeded. We do not expect this to change by expanding into 43 Slade Lane. The businesses surrounding the Mosque do little to no business during Friday lunchtime as most of their customers and staff are in the Mosque for the prayer service.
- 2.2. There is adequate area to reverse on the forecourt eliminating the need for reversing into the road on exit. Our Marshals are on hand to assist with entering and exiting the parking area.
- 2.3. Please see attached survey taken on 10/12/2021.



- 2.4. There are already double yellow lines painted in front of the Mosque, which had become faded. We have been asking the council to repair these lines for years and this was finally realised earlier this year. This stops anyone from parking on Slade Lane directly in front of the Mosque and our Marshals are on hand during Friday prayer service to discourage parking on the road in front of the Mosque.
- 2.5. We will investigate secure cycle storage and propose it at the next Board of Trustees meeting.
 - 2.5.1. Currently no regular attendee cycles to the Mosque for any prayer service that we are aware of.
- 2.6. The Mosque currently already employs informal monitoring of parking demands.
 - 2.6.1. We already employ volunteer Marshals during Friday prayer service for security, Covid-19, traffic and crowd management.
 - 2.6.2. The provision of taxi or minibus areas is unnecessary as no member of our congregation arrives by taxi or minibus. The majority of our congregation are local and live within a short walking distance to the Mosque.
- 2.7. We currently have no formal travel plan for the Mosque only informal information gathered from speaking to the congregation and observation of traffic and parking patterns. As mentioned previously, our congregation travel by foot to the Mosque.
- 2.8. We currently have no plans for licensing, hoarding and scaffolding or temporary traffic management arrangements. We will discuss with the necessary authorities if the need does arise.

If you believe, your questions have not been satisfactorily answered above then please go ahead and extend the planning application determination from 15/12/2021 to 10/01/2022 and I will do my utmost to answer any further questions you have.

Yours sincerely,

Amdadul Ali Haque,
Trustee