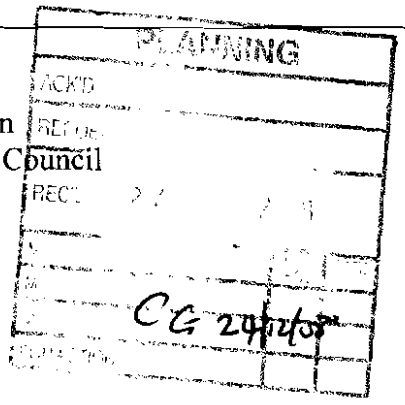
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Dear Carl,

Re: Planning application Masjid-Alfalah, 79 Heywood Street, Manchester.

Firstly please accept my sincere apologies for such a lengthy delay in forwarding the 'Travel Survey' questionnaire and the 3-D images of the proposal. However, please find attached with the travel survey a separate survey of the car-sharing scheme, which has been implemented.

The requirement of the car-sharing scheme was that adult men attending Friday prayers should try to obtain a lift from a neighbour or a friend attending Heywood Street Mosque. The car-sharing scheme came into effect towards the end of September, which coincided with the fasting month, for a period of 4 weeks.

Congregation members were also asked to bring as many congregation members as possible within their cars and that each members took it in turns to bring one another in their cars from that week onwards. It can be seen from the attached car survey sheets that this seems to be working and members are taking it in turns to bring other members and friends in their respective cars.

With regards to the 'Travel Survey' carried out on young children attending the maderressa classes during the evening times unfortunately not all of the questionnaires were received back. However, some conclusions can be drawn up from the answers given by the family members of those children attending the classes for the Islamic education.

Majority of the parents or family members responsible for the children attending classes were dropping off children for the Islamic education which the mosque provided in addition to the prayers they had to perform while in the mosque.

Question 3 when analysed indicated that majority of the children were in the 16 years of age category, which did not reflect the true numbers of younger children attending the

Islamic education classes. This may be due to the low response back, which would seem to suggest that the family members of the younger children did not take the survey seriously enough.

Question 4 indicated that the vast majority of the children were within walking distance of the mosque and in question 5 majorities confirmed that they were walking to mosque depending on the weather conditions.

In questions 6 & 7 majority of the family members confirmed that they dropped children off at the mosque and also picked them up when classes finished. Depending on the weather conditions majority of the parents/family members were picking up children by foot.

Question 8 & 9 did confirm that majority of the parents/family members were prepared to walk to the mosque when the weather conditions were good. With regards to question 10 majority of the parents/family members indicated that road safety was a concern to them. They would like to see some sort of road safety scheme is implemented were volunteers are brought in to help young children cross the busy roads and also to give training to the young children in the safety aspect of the roads.

I hope the enclosed 'Travel Survey' and car-sharing survey meets with your approval and the action plan set out. I should very much appreciate if you would study the enclosed survey reports and let me have your comments.

If I have omitted any details or information please accept my sincere apologies. I await your response in the mean time.

Yours faithfully