Comments for Planning Application 143445/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 143445/FO/2025
Address: British Muslim Heritage Centre College Road Manchester M16 8BP
Proposal: Extension of time for further three years for a temporary marquee
Case Officer: Sue Wills

Customer Details

Name: Not Available
Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment:I am objecting to the 3 year extension of time for the temporary marquee.
The main reasons are;
Noise
The continuing noise disruption from the marquee. There have been numerous promises made when I've attended meetings with Shahid, the My Lahore events manager, and members of the Bmhc committee.
Still evening wedding events run over time, and the PA system is never turned off at the time stipulated by the previous 10 years planning conditions.
Shahid has stated that My Lahore looked into soundproofing their new marquee in Blackburn and it wasn't possible.
We were promised soundproofing measures in the past, which have never been implemented. And unless there's a clear stipulation about soundproofing being implemented by a set date, with the loss of consent if not installed, I have no faith the measures will be undertaken.
The noise limiter on the PA system is still set very high, and somehow the level can be increased for instance when cooling fans have been used at each table, the overall sound level was increased to drown the fans out.
The kitchen staff clearing up after events particularly affects me as my bedroom backs on to the kitchen area and staff car park, at the rear of the marquee. Again there's no notion that houses are a few yards away and people are trying to sleep. There's regular shouting and throwing of large metal catering trays into vans.
The intent to plant trees and shrubs as natural noise barriers is laughable, I question how fast these plants are expected to grow, and whether they will be planted if the long term plans for the BMHC site involve major construction.
Traffic
The level of traffic to the marquee is very high and parking is an issue. The travel plan attached to

the application only covers Friday prayers and Ramadan, while they do cause some issues with on street parking/blocking of driveways, it's the main wedding events that cause disruption, noise and pollution. The families involved in the weddings are travelling from all over the North of England and the Midlands. They are clearly not going to use public transport, or cycle.
I dispute the notion that the marquee provides mainly community space with the commercial side a minor part. In the summer there are 2 events a day, sometimes 7 days a week. Shahid (from My Lahore) has stated they cannot be expected to hurry people out of the marquee as the families gather at the end of the wedding, therefore the events will always run over.

If the permission will be granted may I suggest a change to the planning conditions to a much earlier time in the evening for the PA to be turned off, guests and staff to leave, and final clearing up to happen in the mornings.
Additionally, the PA system needs to be properly looked at and regularly monitored. The issues with traffic will also need careful consideration. Overall I object to the continued use of the marquee at the BMHC.