



Operating Schedule Report

Ikhlass Mosque, Halliwell Lane, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, M8 9DR

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1. Executive Summary

This report provides a detailed operational schedule to comply with Condition 18 of the approved planning permission for Ikhlass Mosque. It outlines specific hours of operation for worship, teaching, seminars, and community events, along with supporting information about noise control, traffic mitigation, and management responsibilities. The schedule aims to balance religious needs with protection of residential amenity in Cheetham Hill.

2. Planning Condition Reference

Condition 18 states: "An operating schedule for the hours of operation for worship, seminars, teaching and events is required. Until such time that satisfactory details are received and agreed in writing by the City Council as Local Planning Authority, this condition cannot be discharged."

Ikhlass Mosque is located on Halliwell Lane, Cheetham Hill (Postcode: M8 9DR), within a predominantly residential area with supporting commercial services nearby. The mosque is used by the local Muslim community for prayer, education, and community engagement.

4. Hours of Operation

- Daily Worship: 04:00 - 23:00 (all five daily prayers)
- Friday Prayers: 12:30 - 14:30 (premises open 12:00 - 15:00)
- Ramadan: Taraweeh until 23:30 (close by midnight)
- Madrassa Classes: Mon-Fri 17:00 - 19:30 | Sat/Sun 10:00 - 13:00
- Seminars: Weekdays 18:00 - 21:00 | Weekends 10:00 - 21:00
- Community Events: 10:00 - 22:00 (close by 22:30)
- Funerals: Daytime only with limited attendance

5. Justification for Operating Times

The hours have been selected to reflect:

- Islamic prayer times (changing seasonally)
- Respect for neighbours with no overnight access
- Standard hours used by other mosques in Manchester and Blackburn
- Limited evening teaching and events finishing by 21:00 to 22:00 max

6. Noise Mitigation Strategy

- No external speakers or Adhan (call to prayer)
- Doors/windows closed during early/late prayers

- Stewards guide attendees to exit quietly

- Signage to encourage minimal noise

7. Traffic and Parking Control

- Volunteer traffic marshals during peak (Jummah, Eid)
- No on-site parking beyond approved bays
- Encouragement for walking, cycling, car sharing
- Drop-off zones monitored to reduce congestion

8. Community Events and Management

- All non-worship events will be scheduled in advance
- Noise and traffic impact kept minimal
- Events to close by 22:00 at the latest
- Funerals managed with discretion during daytime

9. Internal Management & Monitoring

- Management committee contact details shared publicly
- Phone and email available for feedback or complaints
- Review of operations every 6 months to address issues

10. Conclusion

This operating schedule reflects Ikhlass Mosque's commitment to planning compliance, responsible operation, and respect for community needs. The mosque aims to foster harmony in Cheetham Hill while serving its congregation's religious obligations.

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