

This document has been prepared with regards to the request submitted by Manchester City Council regarding the request from Highways to see further information regarding the Traffic management/event management strategy for Darus Salam Mosque, Slade Lane, Manchester.

Traffic Management / Event Management

Darus Salam Mosque,
Longsite, Manchester

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Planning application 130538/FO/2021



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Aims & objectives of event plan

Darus Salam's main objective is to ensure that all worshippers, visitors and passer-by's are safe at all times. The following sets out our main aims and objectives for having an event management plan:

- To facilitate worshippers, staff and visitors safely
- To ensure safe access and egress
- To consider how travel onto and off of site at peak times will remain safe at all times

Event management structure

The following is a list of staff members and key volunteers along with their roles and responsibilities in ensuring safety onsite.

Name	Role	Contact Details
Khaled Ahmed	Mosque Manager	07751 820193
Abdul Malik Al-Mohsin	Mosque Imam	07455 894004
Mohammed Ekram	Head Marshall	07730 596741
Durud Ali	Health & Safety Officer	07716 157066
Shahed Hossain	Medical & First aid Person	07716 157066
Kabir Alam	Logistics Manager	07958 005107

[Table 1: Demonstrates Roles and Responsibilities within Darus Salam]

Roles and responsibilities

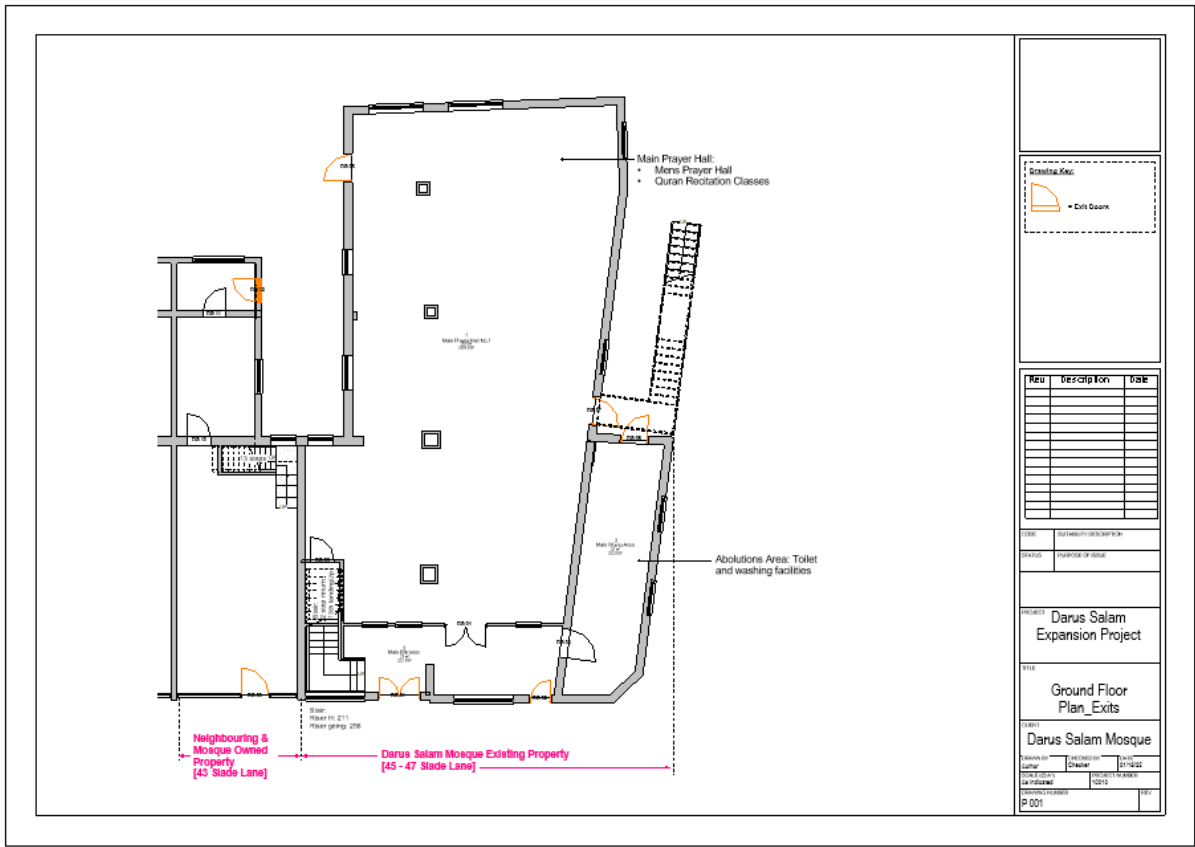
Information is communicated to our worshippers prior to arriving on site via, social media outlets such as Facebook & WhatsApp as well as through our website. When on site any notifications for the worshippers will be announced by the Imam from the pulpit.

On arrival to the Mosque worshippers are welcomed and directed into the premises by our Head Marshall and then further assisted if needed by our Volunteers Marshalls.

Our Head Marshall and Volunteer Marshalls main duties include but are not limited to assisting and directing worshippers whilst in the building to ensure that pathways are not blocked. The Marshalls posted outside the building ensure that no one parks on the forecourt and on the double yellow lines on Slade Lane. Our Marshalls are equipped with high visibility jackets and radio communication devices.

Site design

The exits are highlighted in on the drawing *P 001 - Ground Floor Plan_Exits*.



[Image 1: demonstrates the exits from the Mosque]

Crowd management

Mosque opening times, number of congregation and visitors can be found in the *Table 2* below:

43 Slade Lane is only utilised during Friday prayers. 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 (February) prayer times are:

- a. Fajr Prayer 6:45am
- b. Zuhr Prayer 1:00pm
- c. Asr Prayer 3:15pm
- d. Maghrib Prayer 4:48pm
- e. Isha Prayer 7:45pm

Friday Lunchtime Prayer (Sermon) is always observed at 13:00

Day	Number of staff / Volunteers in the building per Prayer	Approximate Number of worshippers/attendees/visitors per Prayer
Monday - Thursday	5	30
Friday Prayers [a,c,d,e outlined above]	5	30
Friday Lunchtime Prayer (Sermon)	10	200
Saturday - Sunday	5	30

[Table 2: Demonstrates average number of daily visitors]

As we can see the peak times are on our Friday prayer times where we have conducted a survey dated 10/12/2021 *[2021-12-10 Survey]* where 186 worshippers entered the Mosque for Friday prayers.

The forecourt is a large open space that accommodates for the safe passage of people into and out of the building. Upon entering the Mosque there is a great amount of circulation space allowing members to enter and exit the Mosque without any restrictions or single point over-crowding.

Travel Routes

Travel by foot:

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.

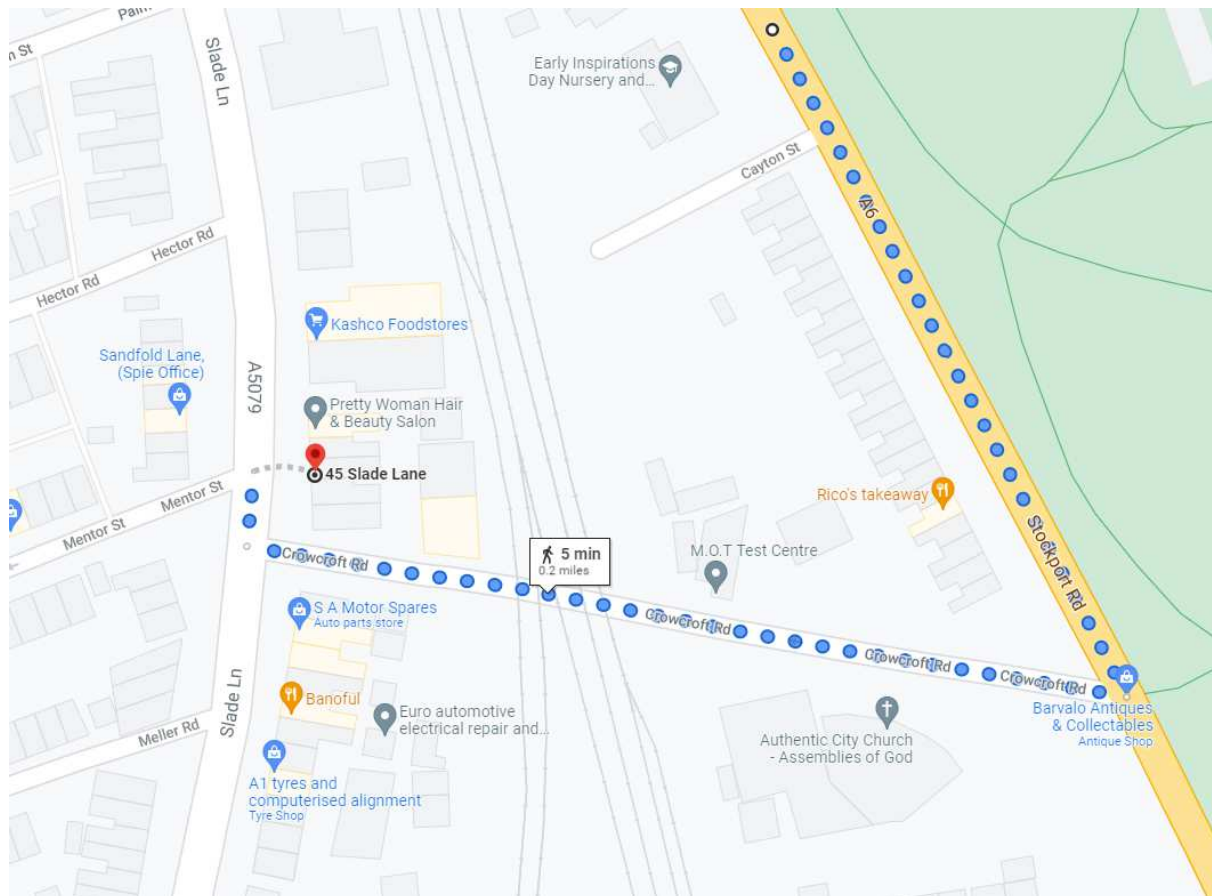
We deliver regular reminders to the congregation concerning the spiritual and physical health benefits of walking to the Mosque and these notices are heeded.

We do not expect this to change by expanding into 43 Slade Lane.

As taken from our survey [2021-12-10 Survey] 162 of the 186 worshipers came to the Mosque on foot.

Travel by Public Transport:

The following (taken from Google Maps) demonstrates that the local bus stop is within 5 minutes walking distance from the Mosque:



[Image 2: Demonstrates the walking route to the closest bust stop (public transport)]

Travel by Car:

From the Survey [2021-12-10 Survey] 12 worshippers travelled by car and with the majority parking mainly parked on side roads and with only 5 parking on Slade Lane.

The double yellow lines that were in front of the Mosque on Slade lane have already been re-painted by the council as they had previously 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.

Travelling by Bicycle:

The Mosque is currently looking into whether a bicycle rack can fit within its boundaries.