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: Member of the Public
Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment:We, the undersigned members of the community, write to express our deep concern at the possibility that the council may prevent the continued use of the marquee at our local mosque. Such a decision would be a disservice not only to our Muslim neighbours but to the values of fairness, understanding, and tolerance that unite our town.

Antisemitism and Islamophobia stem from the same roots - fear, ignorance, and prejudice. To restrict a legitimate gathering of spiritually minded people risks deepening those divisions that our society has worked for generations to heal. The marquee is not simply a tent; it is a place of unity, reflection, and community service, welcoming people from all backgrounds. It reflects the best of what our community stands for: compassion, inclusion, and mutual respect.

We acknowledge that some residents may have practical concerns, particularly around busy times such as Friday prayers. Yet these can readily be addressed through clear planning, communication, and constructive dialogue - tools our community has used successfully before. Cooperation, not cancellation, is how true community harmony is built.
Faith spaces like this mosque, and indeed our local churches, synagogues, and temples, enrich our collective identity. They care for the vulnerable, bridge cultural gaps, and remind us that diversity is the strength that holds our society together.
Our council has long championed inclusivity, open dialogue, and respect for faith and conscience. We urge it to continue that proud tradition here.

We must not allow our common decency, our sense of fairness, and our shared social fabric to be vetoed by a heckler's rant.

With respect and solidarity