

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE - PROPOSED USES

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In support of: Change of Use - Full Planning Application



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1. INTRODUCTION

This statement is made the applicant ,in conjunction with the local Afghan and Pashtun community, in support of the planning application to change the use of the first floor of the building from a snooker hall (Class E) to a Community Hall and meeting facility (Class F2). The applicant has had a request to use the facility from the local residents many of whom are from the Afghan and Pashtun diasporas.

2. STATEMENT of USE

The members of the local Afghan and Pashtun community express our strong interest in establishing a dedicated community hall in Manchester. While we greatly value the existing community centres serving the Pakistani and Bengali communities, there is currently no such space available that reflects the cultural and social needs of Afghan and Pashtun residents.

We have identified a potential site for this purpose which we believe is ideally suited. The location is centrally positioned with excellent public transport links, making it accessible to people from across Manchester. We have received very positive feedback from the community about this initiative and a great deal of interest in making use of the space.

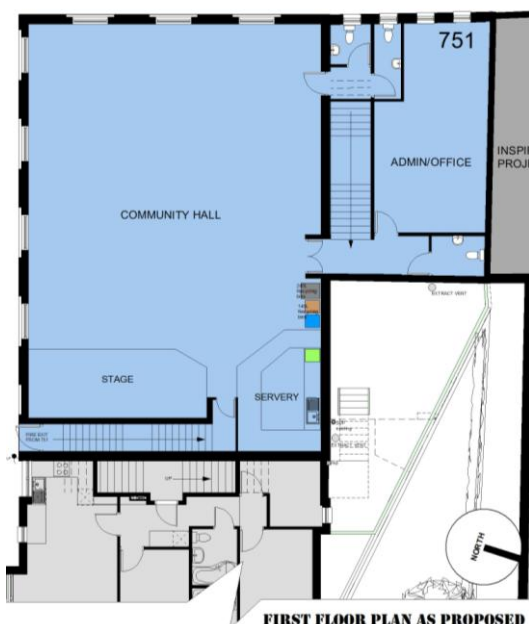
The site in question has a long history of community use—originally operating as a dance hall, later as a hall for hire, and currently as a snooker hall. We believe the building lends itself well to being transformed once again into a valuable community facility.

Our vision for the centre includes both a hireable event space and a programme of free, non-profit activities such as:

- Food banks for vulnerable and low-income families
- Holiday classes and enrichment activities for children and young people
- Language and cultural programmes to support integration and heritage preservation
- Community meetings and support groups to strengthen local connections

This proposed community hall would be a vital step in ensuring inclusion, wellbeing, and representation for Afghan and Pashtun residents in Manchester. It would offer a safe and welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, access support, and celebrate shared values.

We kindly request your support and guidance in securing the necessary planning permissions or change-of-use approval for this site. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this proposal further with you or your team.



The proposed uses will be carried out generally between the hours of 8am to 8/9 pm daily. It is not intended to have late night activities or to apply for any alcohol licensing. The facility will be open during the day mainly between 9am and 5pm, providing warm space and weekly hot food for service users as well as drop in customers.

Figure 1: Proposed Plan