

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: I am reaching out with sincerity and urgency to ask for your support for a matter that deeply affects our community.

The Marquee at the British Muslim Heritage Centre is not merely a temporary structure, it is a living space of worship, unity and service. It has become a sanctuary for thousands who gather for Jumah / Friday Prayers, Taraweeh / Ramadan Prayers, funeral prayers, Eid celebrations, educational programmes and vital community initiatives. For many, this space has been a source of comfort in grief, joy in celebration, and strength in faith.

Sadly, the current planning permission for the marquee is at serious risk of being declined, largely due to objections raised in relation to wedding events. While we acknowledge the concerns of neighbours, removing this structure would disproportionately harm the wider community and weaken a vital hub that supports spiritual wellbeing and social cohesion.

This marquee supports and complements the sacred work taking place within the Heritage building itself. It allows the Centre to accommodate worshippers safely and with dignity, especially during peak periods such as Ramadan and Eid. Without it, countless individuals and families will lose access to a space that nurtures them spiritually and socially.

I urge Ms. Sue Wills, from the heart, to please stand with us at this critical moment. Your continued support, understanding and cultural sensitivity matters.

Ms. Wills help us preserve a space that serves generations, strengthens our faith, and upholds the values of compassion, inclusion and community.

Let us protect what sustains us, not only for today, but for those who will come after us.