

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 writing in response to the objections submitted regarding the extension of time for the temporary marquee at the British Muslim Heritage Centre (BMHC), College Road, Manchester.

While I acknowledge that local residents may have raised concerns, I respectfully submit that many objections appear to extend beyond material planning considerations and may reflect targeted hostility toward the BMHC and the Muslim community it serves. In my view, this pattern suggests an organised campaign, motivated by anti-Muslim sentiment, which is harmful not only to the Centre but to the wider community cohesion.

The BMHC plays a critical role as a cultural, educational, and social hub, providing services and events that benefit the entire local community. The temporary marquee facilitates these activities in a managed way, with robust measures in place to address noise, traffic, and other operational considerations. The extension of temporary consent allows the Centre to continue its lawful activities safely and responsibly.

It is important to emphasise that planning decisions must be grounded in material considerations under the law, including land use, heritage protection, and operational impact. Subjective objections based on racial or religious prejudice, or organised campaigns aimed at undermining a lawful community institution, must not outweigh the demonstrable benefits that the BMHC provides to the local area.

I respectfully request that the Council give due weight to the positive contribution of BMHC, and ensure that decisions are made free from bias, safeguarding an important community asset against discriminatory pressures.