

Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

Application Summary

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Proposal: Use as a Place of Worship (D1 use) and for ancillary community uses, public conferences and performances

Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

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Comment Reasons:

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Comment: This application will completely change the character of the area and will remove a community cultural building. Furthermore it will cause noise disturbance as well as congestion and parking issues for all the surrounding areas, including the many local green spaces such as the heath Extension and Golders Hills Park.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I've just heard about the appeal to turn the Hippodrome into a massive Mosque. I'm horrified because it would completely change the character of the area (which is heavily Jewish and Japanese) and would irreparably damage the amenity of residents. We've already had a small foretaste of the traffic chaos that will be caused - currently when there are meetings at the Hippodrome all local road are completely filled with traffic and parked cars which severely restrict traffic flow and causes significant pollution and gridlock. This situation would be significantly worsened if the proposed development was allowed to go ahead. It should not be permitted.

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Comment: This application threatens to both dominate and devastate the neighbourhood.

My wife and I have raised our family here in Golders Green over the last 25 years. We have never experienced the horror in terms of parking, traffic, congestion, ambulance access, disturbance and environmental degradation as we have already had during the opening weeks of the Golders Green Mosque (autumn 2017). I am speaking of what actually happened in real life, as a matter of public record. Not merely what might or could happen if this application is granted.

But of course the plans are for much more profound impact, as the mosque is intended to seat 3000, plus standing room.

It is frankly an insult to Barnet taxpayers and residents of Golders Green that the council is even considering this application, for which there is hardly a flicker of local demand.

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tue, 23 Feb 2021 08:40:57 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Best Regards

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]

On Tue, 23 Feb 2021 at 8:30 am, Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you

Kind regards

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Sent: 19 February 2021 11:32

To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
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Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 15:36:46 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: 20/2988/FUL - Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

20/2988/FUL - Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Dear Barnet,

I object to the proposal to convert the above mentioned premise to a mosque for a number of reasons.

There is very limited parking in the proposed location. I find it extremely difficult to find parking when I need to shop across the road. We have seen when the mosque was first open, the extreme levels of traffic to the area. Bringing illegal levels of air pollution, noise pollution and gridlock traffic at all hours.

Golders green is a predominately Jewish area and you must consider the impact and potential rift between the 2 communities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please do not approve this plan.

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I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and/or member of X community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 23 Feb 2021 08:59:19 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
W12 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

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N5 [REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 23 Feb 2021 09:33:28 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Application 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED] NW3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 February 2021 16:01

To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

I am writing to object to the revised application to turn Golders Green Hippodrome into a mega mosque.

It is unnecessary and would be unsuited to the area, cause horrendous traffic, parking and pedestrian overcrowding

and irreparably damage the nature of Golders Green. Open for 24 hours a day, it would result in thousands of people from outside the area travelling into and out of Golders Green every day.

It is inappropriate to the area and not needed.

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My address

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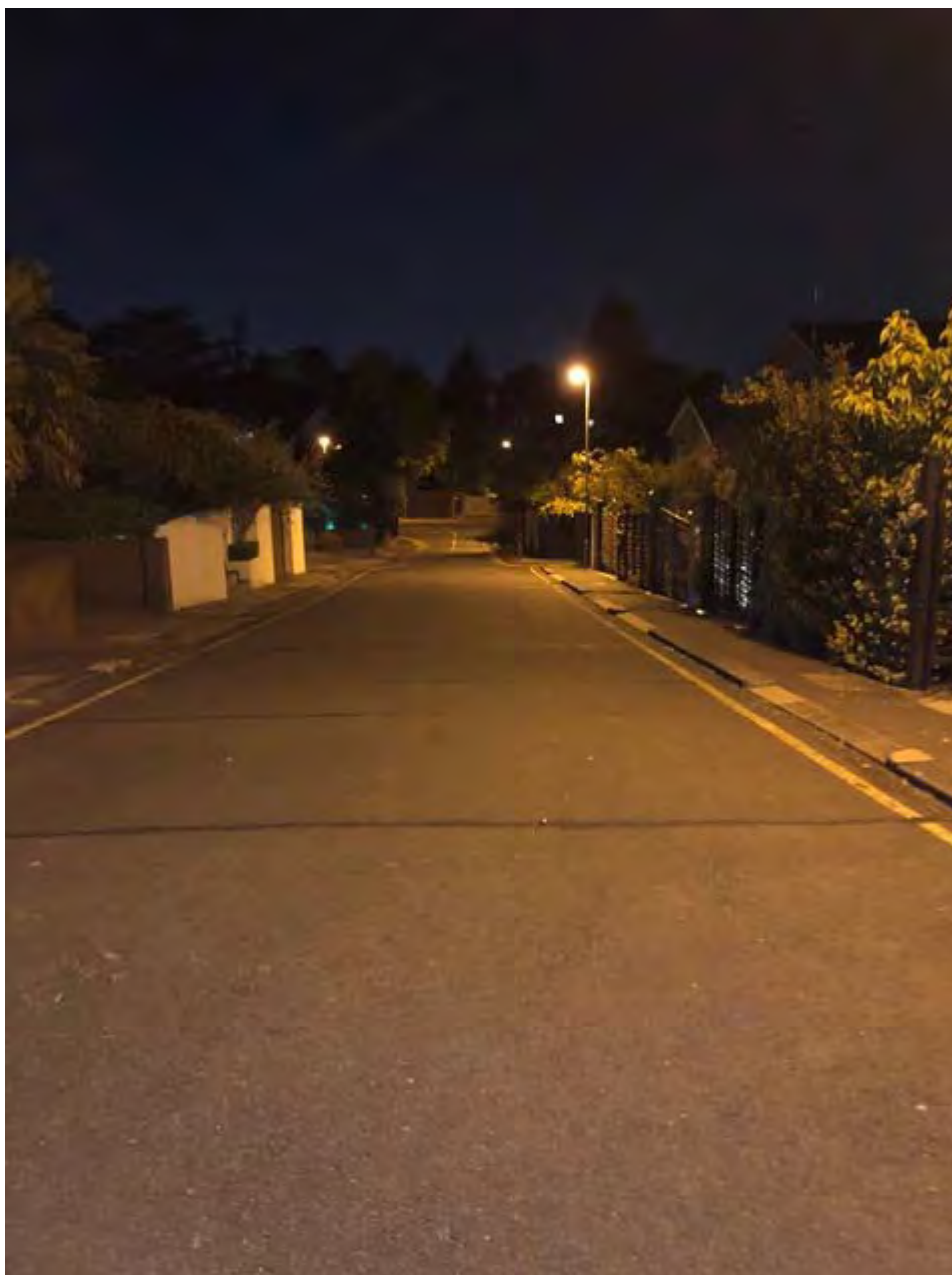
Cleary, Neil

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2021 16:20
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: 20/2988/FUL
Attachments: Planning Application Feb 2021.pdf

Categories: Awaiting address

To Whom It May Concern,

I was unable to locate the above planning application online. So am attaching my comments here along with the photographs in support of my comments. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.































Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- **Opening hours:** Use of the Hippodrome is currently restricted to 23:30 *“to safeguard the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties”*. The current owners have failed to observe this restriction to date and I am concerned they will do so in the future if the planning application is successful.
- **Noise and disturbance:** Existing conditions are set to *“To safeguard the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties”* and *“to safeguard the amenities of the area”*. Noise and disturbance increased considerably when the new owners started to use the building and there is clear evidence that things will get worse for residents as the usage increases if the planning application is successful. On certain days there were big celebrations with the influx of a huge number of people into the area. I believe the capacity of the building is 2000. This number of people coming into the residential and conservation area caused considerable problems. Some of the issues are identified below:
 - Large numbers of visitors (particularly compared to the numbers under the Hippodrome’s previous occupiers, El-Shaddai Church) General background pedestrian and traffic noise;
 - Aggressive and obstructionist parking;
 - Shouting in the street;
 - Blocking residential driveways;
 - Very loud music from Car stereo’s being played even late at night and long passed 11.30pm;
 - Hooting by blocked drivers, including ambulances;
 - Aggressive behaviour or “ road rage” by drivers who are angry they cannot pass or park in neighbouring roads;
 - Noise from visitors leaving the building and going to their vehicles after midnight in previously quiet residential streets;
 - Hindrance to public transport; and
 - Hindrance to emergency services, increasing risk to local residents’ lives.
 - Huge increase in rubbish thrown onto the streets around the building, in surrounding street and from the cars.

Congestion and Parking: Traffic problems I have noted by the Applicants’ use of the Hippodrome to date are:

- Severe restriction of two-way movement along streets, due to cars being parked along the full length of both sides of the road and in some cases causing grid lock;
- Blocked or partially blocked driveways, even where there are drop down curbs making access to and from residential homes impossible. Please see the photographs attached;
- Cars parked on double yellow lines up to the corner of West Heath Avenue and West Heath Drive, creating road safety hazards at the junction of North End Road, please see the attached photographs ;
- Cars parked on double yellow lines near Golders Hill Park, a vulnerable corner for local children but also blocking access to and from Golders Park Close, a Cul de Sac [REDACTED] so you cannot leave or return to the Cul de Sac as the traffic is grid locked;
- Grid lock occurring at the bottom end of West Heath Drive near the park entrance as there is a sharp 90 degree bend and so visibility around the corner from either direction is impossible. Cars are unable to pass around

the corner due to parked cars and there is no space to pull over to permit anyone to pass;

- Traffic conflicts. Cars parked repeatedly on pavements force pedestrians to walk in the road if they are able around all of the traffic in the road. It is extremely dangerous for all pedestrians including the visitors who often have young children with them even late at night; and
- Pollution caused by increased traffic flows and in particular stationary cars in the grid lock that is created.

Artistic heritage: I understand the planning application includes the owners to use the Hippodrome for concerts, drama and dance festivals. Such events would be incompatible with use of the property as intended currently and effectively would mean only a small percentage of the local residents would be able to avail themselves of the facilities. So the buildings use would be predominantly for people who live throughout London and further afield and it would no longer be an amenity for the local community.

As evidence to support my objection to the application by the owners of the Hippodrome I am attaching photographs of illegally parked cars in and around the surrounding roads on an evening when the Hippodrome was used last year. But as a comparison I have also enclosed photographs of the roads on other nights when the Hippodrome was not being used. You will see the stark contrast and how disruptive the influx of lots of people has on the area. The studies commissioned have not taken this into account as they are subjective and based on statistical data and in my opinion do not show the reality of what occurs.

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tue, 23 Feb 2021 12:28:48 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Objection to Planning ref 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam

Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7RP

I would like to object to the planning application at the above property.

I live about a [REDACTED] minute walk from the building. When it was open before the lockdowns we experienced a huge problem with traffic and parking - after 6.30, I very often could not get out of my drive as people had parked accross it.

I also when i was trying to turn into my street, got hailed down by young men with high viz jackets on asking where I was going. I appreciate they were trying to improve the madness of the parking but they had no authority and made me feel very vulnerable.

The noise levels of allowing the biggest mosque in Europe to be allowed to open until late in the night would be truly unbearable for the largely residential area.

I am aware that they have said that people will use public transport, but this has certainly not been our experience when it was open and indeed how can they use public transport after midnight for that many people.

I truly feel to place a huge mosque in the middle of a residential area which would be allowed to be used late at night with the noise and parking implications would be catastrophic.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent:Tue, 23 Feb 2021 12:45:07 +0000
To:Planning Consultation
Subject:Re: Strong Objection - 19 February 2021

Address:

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

I thought this was confidential and anonymous. Please confirm this is still the case.

[REDACTED]
On 23 Feb 2021, at 12:42 pm, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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Good afternoon,

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Kind regards

Dan Smith

Technician – Building Control, Planning and Street Naming & Numbering

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Sent: 19 February 2021 17:14

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Subject: Strong Objection - 19 February 2021

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Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL.

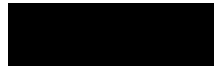
Site : Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11
7RP

With regard to the above appeal by the applicants, I write once again, submitting a very strong objection to the Council even thinking of entertaining any application to build a religious structure in the peaceful and harmonious area of Golders Green. As the below reproduced objection in the past states, all points raised therein are today more relevant than ever. Any new religious structure, particularly of the size proposed by the applicants, would disturb peace and tranquility of the area, resulting in creating resentment amongst the otherwise cordial relationship that exists in the community at present.

There are quite a few mosques already in the surrounding areas, two of the biggest being in Regents Park and in Finsbury Park. There is no justification of any additional mosque within the vicinity of such short distances.

Hippodrome is a heritage building suitable only for use as a centre for arts, dramas and such like for EVERY community and not for just a few.

One hopes that no matter how many appeals or new applications are made in future for a mosque on this site, they should be rejected by the Council outright for the sake of harmony in the local residents of every religion in Golders Green. These popular views held by the residents of Golders Green and surrounding suburbs would not change as a result of repeated and persistent applications; the Council should respect these views of the long standing residents and not be intimidated into submission just because these applications are received on a regular basis. We need our Hippodrome for arts, drama and common cultural occasions - not just for one community. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT AWAY FROM US. Our very quality of life is at stake here and it is hoped that the Council will take the only correct decision of rejecting these appeals and applications.



Copy of previous objections :

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the above, I reproduce the representation I had submitted on 18 October 2017, objecting to the idea of granting a permission to convert the Hippodrome into a mosque. All the points made by me in that email are still very much relevant and even more so now. The appeal should be rejected and no conversion to any religious establishment should be permitted. Hippodrome is a heritage building to

be used and enjoyed by the whole society and not just a particular section of a religious community which has shown disregard to the usage restrictions placed by the Council until now.

This is a serious appeal to the Appeal-hearing members of the Council to take notice of these representations in order to preserve the peace in Golders Green and the surrounding areas.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

To:

The Planning Department

Barnet London Borough Council

Barnet House

1255 High Road

Whetstone

London N20 0EJ

Dear Sirs

Subject : Application for Mosque : Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, Golders Green NW11 7RP.

We write to object to the above planning application for the "Variation of conditions 1 (Hours of Opening) and 2 (USE) of the 2007 planning permission in respect of the building.

My reasons for objecting are as follows:

In this era of striving for community harmony, such a structure would only alienate people of varied cultures and religions, who have been living together fairly harmoniously in this area hitherto. Golders Green would not be the only area to suffer loss of its long-standing character, but the surrounding areas of Hampstead and the Heath, which are bound to be affected by sheer increase in traffic, would also lose their peace and tranquility.

The folly of allowing any religious structure to any one section of the community, particularly of the size proposed, is always at the cost and sentiments of the rest of the society. If we want to pride ourselves to be described as a multicultural society then differences should be minimized, not increased by allowing such

pronounced structures. If the present occupiers are already violating existing usage and other laws, one shudders to think what would happen once the applicants are granted permission sought by them.!

For the sake of peace and harmony, and to prevent severe congestion and pollution, the application must be rejected. Hippodrome is worthy of being a national heritage because of its historical value.

Don't allow it to be destroyed by turning it into any religious place.

For a change, The Planning Department should listen to reason.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Hi,

[REDACTED], N12 [REDACTED]

Regards
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To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
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Dear Barnet Council

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Dear Barnet Council

Re: Planning Application Consultation 20/2988/FUL

As a Barnet Council resident and Council Tax payer, I am writing to register my support in favour of the planning permission for the Markaz in Golders Green.

I am incredibly proud of Barnet's record as a 'home' for many different ethnic and religious communities, including my own, and I strongly believe as a resident that the Markaz community should be afforded the same rights, support and welcome that we have. Given the level of false information that has been circulated about the Markaz community - especially from people who do not live or work in Barnet, one of whom appears to take particular pleasure in stirring up division between communities up and down the country and describing himself as the "Mosque Buster" - I have made extensive efforts to learn more about them and discovered that they were a minority community in Iraq, from where many were forced to flee as refugees to escape Saddam Hussein's regime. They have now met as a community in Barnet for over 30 years and I have been impressed with their sensitivity towards other Barnet residents which I believe is reflected in the detail within their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz.

In summary, Barnet's vibe and strength today is, in large part, drawn from its support of the many different communities within the borough and I am pleased that a Barnet building with such historic and physical significance will not only continue to be put into productive use, but also continue that tradition. For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favour of the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent:Tue, 23 Feb 2021 18:18:25 +0000

To:Planning Consultation

Subject:Re: Planning Application : 20/2988/FUL. The Hippodrome Golders Green NW111 7RP

Dear Mr Smith

Our address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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> [REDACTED]

> Sent: 19 February 2021 20:03

> To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>

> Subject: Planning Application : 20/2988/FUL. The Hippodrome Golders Green NW111 7RP

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> Dear Sirs

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> We would like to object to the proposed application to turn the Hippodrome in Golders Green into a Mosque for two reasons, as follows:

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Barnet Council prepared to provide more parking wardens and street cleaners to support the extra traffic? We already have to clear litter from the streets as the Council does not provide a street cleaning service in [REDACTED] and other surrounding streets which will inevitably be used for parking.

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> We wish to add that we are worshippers of no faith but believe that people who wish to should have a right to worship and to feel safe in their environment. By all means build a Mosque but does it have to be so big? What about taking over an existing smaller building, not so centrally positioned, and building a Mosque for worshippers?

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> Once again, we reiterate our objection to the current planning application.

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> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

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Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have reason to object to the above proposal on the following grounds. Firstly, being an immediate neighbour of Golders Green Station I fear that the extra traffic that such plans would attract would obstruct the bus services.

Secondly, North End Road on which the property is based provides vital passage for Ambulances en route to major hospitals namely, Royal Free and Dick Whittington. Hence, extra traffic can again cause obstruction to carrying out of such a crucial service. I spoke to an NHS ambulance crew member who agreed with my point

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Comment: Congestion pollution traffic parking these will worsen Golders green as already space is quite tight & limited. This is the reason why I am objecting.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 08:36:07 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Hippodrome Planning application number 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:26:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hippodrome Planning application number 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

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Also this is to let you know that your comments and personal details will be kept confidential.

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Kind regards

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Planning Technician

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Sent: 17 February 2021 20:31
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Subject: Hippodrome Planning application number 20/2988/FUL

I object to the Golders Green Hippodrome becoming a mega mosque on the grounds that it will negatively affect the local area. The mosque will be opened. 24 hours, 7 days a week. This will impact negatively on traffic flow and parking in the area which are already under pressure. The noise of the increased footfall will disturb the local residents.

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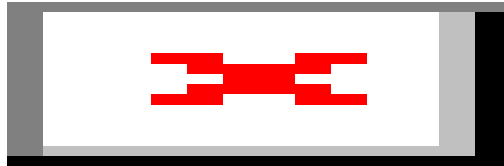
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Regards
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Sent: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 13:47:44 -0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: FW: GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, LONDON, NW11 7RP 20/2988/FUL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 February 2021 13:45
Subject: GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, LONDON, NW11 7RP 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs,

20/2988/FUL

I am writing to show my objection to the Appeal lodged in connection with the Hippodrome.

This grandiose plan is completely out of size for a residential area.

Here are some of my points to explain my protest.

1. It is far larger than the site available, so presumably it will involve purchasing neighbouring houses, thus losing residential homes, tax paying homes.
2. It will attract vast numbers of visitors, mostly travelling in their own cars as is the habit nowadays, when parking in all the surrounding streets is already a major problem. The [REDACTED] surrounding streets [REDACTED] cover a vast number of streets, as people will just drive on until they find a space, expanding into Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb and even Hampstead itself. The people outside whose homes they have landed, your Council Tax payers, will not even be able to get access to their homes, and because people don't always park properly, be able to get out to go about their legitimate affairs. What about the disturbance of car doors

slamming, engines revving, and shouting farewell to one's friends before driving off?

3. Is one allowed to mess about with a Grade II listed building?

4. The massive religious edifices already in existence are not in residential areas, for example Regents Park Mosque, and the Hindu Temple in Neasden are situated in parkland or previously open land.

5. I understand that planning conditions to safeguard the amenities were imposed as far back as 2007, and renewed in 2017, but ignored, both by the organisers and the visitors.

6. The Police already have enough on their plate. Are they going to respond to angry calls from residents, or just ignore the calls, thus generating ill will?

I hope that the above, together with the many other letters you have received will allow this Appeal to be rejected.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NW11 [REDACTED]

From:

NW11

17.2.2021

Re: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

ref-no: 20/2988/FUL

To London Borough of Barnet Planning, NW9 4EW

Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to the Hippodrome being used exclusively by one group. It should be available to all members of the Community.

Yours Sincerely

19/2/21

Golders Green Hippodrome

NW11 7RP

20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/ Madame,

I am writing to OBJECT to turning the Hippodrome into a Large Mosque. There are many reasons why this is a bad idea i.e. CONGESTION, NO PARKING facilities & loosing this iconic building to just one single use. But even more alarming is this:

You must be aware that Golders Green is 70% Jewish. So do you welcome a clash of the two religious groups, in the very heart of Golders Green?

THIS IS MADNESS I AM WARNING YOU



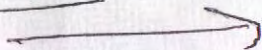
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GOLDERS GREEN HIPPIERONE, LONDON NW10 7RP



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LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
PLANNING

2 BRISTOL AVE

LONDON NW9 4FW

RE. 20/2988 FUL
GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME
LONDON NW11 7RP

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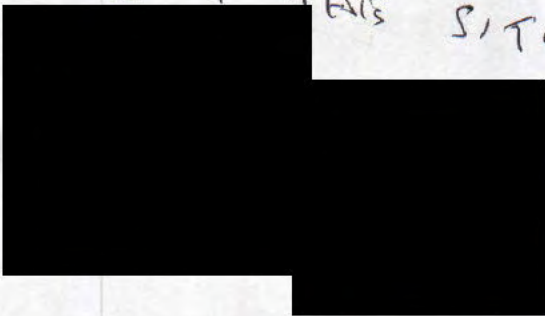
DEAR GENTLEMEN
WE ARE IN ^{RECEIPT} YOUR SHEET OF INFORMATION
ABOUT THE GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME,
LONDON NW11 7RP

WE ARE VERY UPSET ABOUT THE SITUATION.
OF THIS HIPPODROME TO BE CHANGED TO A
MOSQUE.

FIRSTLY WORKING PEOPLE DRIVING VIA THE
ROUND ABOUT AT FINCHLEY ROAD
DRIVING TO ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, ETC
AND OTHER IMPORTANT WORK PLACES.
NOW IT IS A HEAVY BLOCAGE TO GET BY
ETC.
SECONDLY. ALSO HARD FOR PHYSICIANS TO MANOEUVRE
BETWEEN THE EXTRA TRAFFIC - WOULD BE RTO
DREADFUL FOR THEM -
THIRD. NO DOUBT ^{EXTRA} POLLUTION IS AN EXTRA TROUBLE

WE HAVE PLENTY OF PROBLEMS ALREADY
AND ^{EXTRA} ~~THE~~ WORRYING WILL BE HARD FOR
PEOPLE TO STAND UP TO IT.

THANK YOU FOR POINTING OUT THE
IMPORTANCE OF THIS SITUATION



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Planning
London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale
LONDON NW9 4EW

21st Feb 2021

Dear Sirs

Re: GOLDERS GREEN PROPOSED BUILDING ON SITE OF HIPPODROME LONDON

REF NO: 20/2988/FUL

I emailed a few days ago stating my objections to the following construction of a Mosque on the plot that was originally a building used I believe for a cinema called the Hippodrome.

I am not quite sure if I left out one point against this proposal was the fact that a GRADE 11 LISTED BUILDING IS NOT ABLE TO CHANGE ITS ORIGINAL USEAGE.

I am sorry for the owner as this plot must be a very valuable plot for which he or his heirs bought some years ago and now must be worth a great deal more.

However as I and I hope a number of people living in the vicinity have written, a number of reasons why this should not now be used in the manner the Council have probably agreed to.

I trust you will listen to many people who will no doubt have realised they had to write an objection but will still be dismayed if such a brilliant site in the heart of Golders Green can be used for this purpose alone.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

Ref: 20/2988/FUL.

NW11

Planning

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW

20th February 2021

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the use of The Golders Green Hippodrome, your ref 20/2988/FUL, I wish to register my objection to this building being converted to a "mega Mosque". The congestion of traffic on the Golders Green area during religious festivities would be detrimental to the area.

It is difficult enough these days to get to Hampstead by road!

The early morning calls to prayer may disturb sleepers - an addition to traffic noise & noise pollution!

The proposal for a Community Centre would be acceptable if the outside of The Hippodrome building is preserved.

It is such a landmark & for people of my age, holds many happy memories of shows & events held there.

Yours faithfully

cc Mr. M. Freeman, MP
- Finchley & Golders Green.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JWS/1

Dear Sir,

GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, LONDON NW11 7RP
REF. NO. 20/2988/FUL

I would like to object to the plans of turning the Hippodrome into a mega centre. This is a relatively small area of land in the heart of a residential area and standing on a busy road which is already full of traffic with all the congestion and pollution this brings. How is it possible to contain a centre of this magnitude in such a location.

Please think again, and consider the wishes of the local population.

[REDACTED]

Your Reference: —

20/2988/FUL

NW11

19th February 2021

Dear Barnet Planning Service,

Re: Site: The Golden Green Hippodrome, North End Road,
London NW11 7RP

We are writing in regard to the proposal to use the Hippodrome in Golden Green as a place of worship, namely as a Mosque.

We are firstly pointing out that (in our understanding) the Hippodrome is situated in a conservation area. We are secondly pointing out that there is no need for a rushed decision. A public enquiry — already planned — is the obvious solution to a proposal of huge public interest and concern. In fact, nothing else will do. It is absolutely unacceptable this present proposal is rushed through, namely your Ref 20/2988/FUL.

A mosque would dominate the area and be completely out of character. It would be twice the size of Wimbury Park Mosque and comparable to Regent Park Mosque.

The Hippodrome is a Grade II listed building and is an Arts and Performance Space for all, not just for one part of the community. The application would irreversibly harm the building's artistic heritage, local character and people's amenities.

The effect of this application on parking and congestion would be absolutely horrendous. Traffic congestion and parking on yellow lines have been badly affected by the application. We know we live here in North End Road. We should not have to live like that. The Hippodrome have parked on the pavement obstructing our access, and has been an extremely upsetting problem. We shouldn't have to live like that. Cars going in and out of the Hippodrome carpark over the pavement, and cars going home and use every day, and it is quite frankly frightening using the pavement because of the Hippodrome's vastly increased traffic. It is absolutely unacceptable. Additionally the increase in toxic emissions would be of an illegal amount. Twice the legal amount of NO2 has already been reached.

We ask that you take this proposal very seriously indeed. A public enquiry is paramount. It must NOT be rushed through. The proposal Ref 20/2988/FUL must be turned down.

Yours sincerely,

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 16:37:44 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW1 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a [REDACTED] for over 40 years, how much I support the revised planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. As you know, the Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. I am disturbed that the lawyer employed by Golders Green Environmental Group, who choose not to be named and must therefore be disregarded, express views which are hostile and islamaphobic. I stand against hate in all its forms.

I appreciate that the revised planning application addresses neighbourhood concerns about travel, parking and late hours use by the Markaz. I understand that there is an ongoing willingness by the Markaz to resolve any neighbourhood concerns as they might arise.

Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 16:37:48 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW2
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident, I support planning permission for my new prospective neighbouring community, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is multicultural. As you know, the Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. We are horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. We stand against hate in all its forms. We appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and we are excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

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Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We are yet again being asked to comment on a scheme that has been objected to multiple times now. It does feel as though this is being pushed through regardless of neighbours views. For the very same reasons as noted before, and which are probably even more acute now given the never ending roadworks/three way traffic lights in and around the area, the area/roads are simply not equipped from an infrastructure point to accommodate a large scale establishment in constant use. We have already experience numerous evenings of disruption in terms of traffic, congestion, noise, parking on double yellows, hovering in the sainsbury alley-way and blocked driveways from people attending the mosque from different areas. We've had ambulances and police being caught around North End road in peak traffic and this will only add to the ALREADY EXISTING problem (in a post COVID world). On the point of COVID, the prospect of repeated large scale gatherings occurring in our community when we have not yet got this virus under control (and even then) will no doubt add to the risk and anxiety, particularity for the older residents. These would be the same objections to any large scale scheme without adequate parking facilities or time controls and, enforcement (which has thus far been non-existent as far as I can tell). Once again, we OBJECT to this going ahead.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: These are the considerations requested-

1. Parking needs to be build underground on the premises - As of now, there isn't enough parking space. Already the roads around the station and the high street have cars badly parked so that a two way street is really like a one way street
2. Loud noises - no loudspeakers to be allowed
3. Crowd control - if there are big gatherings, how to ensure safety of residents. Will residents have the ability to issue fines when guests to the hippodrome are not behaving appropriately? Will there be extra police support?
4. Cleanliness - Will there be a charge for clean up of streets after the event? Will the council provide special extra cleaning after events of more than 35 people? As we know, big events inevitably lead to rubbish on the streets.
5. Entrance to the hippodrome - the current entrance on the main road will clearly not be able to cope. We need to ensure entrance from the back in case of events of more than 35 people.
6. Security and safety of neighbours - the hippodrome is in a community neighbourhood. If the hippodrome is made into office space, one might expect the corporation to provide security. How can safety of residents be ensured by event goers?

In conclusion, Event space is best in a non residential area. The hippodrome is too close to residential area to be used as an events arena. It may be appropriate for community area but not as a place for regular, large events, be they religious or otherwise.

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Comment:1. The mosque will dominate the area and will be completely out of character. it will be among the largest Islamic Centered in Europe.

Teh present Grade II listed building is an arts and performance space for all and should not be taken by one part of the community.

2. There will be enormous congestion and parking problems. With over 3,000 seats plus standing room and remaining open to 11.30 pm the congestion will be an enormous burden on the local community. There will be an enormous intensity of toxic emissions from the huge influx car traffic.

3. There will be an regular, daily disturbance until well after midnight each each and every night. Planning conditions were imposed as far back as 2007 to safeguard the area but the people running the mosque and attending the mosque has repeatedly ignored these conditions. The problem will enormously increased.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment:1..The building is a conservation area. The mosque will dominate the area completely and will be completely out of proportion as their intent is to make the mosque among the largest Islamic Centers in Europe.

2. The building is a Grade II listed building as an arts and performing center. It is not intended to be for just part of the community.

3. The proposal will irreversibly harm the building's artistic heritage.

4. There will be a huge congestion and parking problem. The building has over 58,000 square feet and has over 3,000 seats plus standing room. It will attract vast crowds from all over the country and even Europe and will stay open until 11.30 pm. This means there will be huge crowds milling around the area until well past midnight every day.

5. The sheer number of cars and buses that will be bringing in people will cause huge traffic jams and significant pollution. There is already a serious major traffic route and this added traffic will create an impossible burden on the community, the residents and the shop owners.

6. There will be major disturbances throughout the day and in particular until late at night. Planning conditions were already imposed some time ago but the people running the mosque as well as the throngs who have been attending the mosque have ignored these conditions.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

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- There would be a significant burden of many thousands of prospective additional people on the traffic circulation and public transport amenities in the area.
- There would be a significant adverse impact of additional vehicles upon pollution and the green credentials of Golders Green, making the air less clean for children and adults alike on a road which is already twice the legal limit for nitrous dioxides.
- There would be a material increase to the risk of road traffic accidents, on a narrow road with 4 schools, due to heavier circulation. Traffic congestion and conflicting vehicle movements would cause unacceptable potential danger to residents and users of local streets.
- There would be an increased burden of several hundred parking spaces on an already-strained North End Road.
- Past examples of inconsiderate parking from users of the Hippodrome indicate likely future difficulties of the same nature. Yellow line parking and inconsiderate blockages around central reservations, indicate a broad unwillingness to consider the wider community's use of the built environment, and a reluctance to coexist symbiotically in the surroundings.
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- There would be a significant burden of many thousands of prospective additional people on the traffic circulation and public transport amenities in the area.
- There would be a significant adverse impact of additional vehicles upon pollution and the green credentials of Golders Green, making the air less clean for children and adults alike on a road which is already twice the legal limit for nitrous dioxides.
- There would be a material increase to the risk of road traffic accidents, on a narrow road with 4 schools, due to heavier circulation. Traffic congestion and conflicting vehicle movements would cause unacceptable potential danger to residents and users of local streets.
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- Past examples of inconsiderate parking from users of the Hippodrome indicate likely future difficulties of the same nature. Yellow line parking and inconsiderate blockages around central reservations, indicate a broad unwillingness to consider the wider community's use of the built environment, and a reluctance to coexist symbiotically in the surroundings.
- There would be significant adverse impact to traffic circulation on a main ambulance route impacting on response times and consequently multiple patients' chances of survival.
- There would be Adverse impact to circulation on a bus route, causing additional congestion on one of the 3 arterial routes into London during rush hour; another blight for residents.
- The proposal would cause an adverse impact on residential amenities and services in the area, and as a resident, I would want those amenities safeguarded.

Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 20/2988/FUL

Address: The Hippodrome North End Road London NW11 7RP

Proposal: Use as a Place of Worship (D1 use) and for ancillary community uses, public conferences and performances

Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

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- The proposal would cause an adverse impact on residential amenities and services in the area which should be safeguarded.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:03 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and/or member of X community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. As you know, the Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. We are horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. We stand against hate in all its forms. We appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and we are excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:11 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a long term Barnet Council resident, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:16 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and Friend of Finchley Reform Synagogue, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:23 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and/or member of X community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:30 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
CO13 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a [REDACTED] and a child of an interfaith household, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Coming from a background of multiple faiths, I can only stress how beautiful and strengthening it is to make diversity accessible. The Christian values taught by my mother, the Jewish values taught by my synagogue, and the Islamic values taught by my relatives and dear friends across the world, boil down to something quite simple: love and equality transcend all. All of us are human beings, who deserve a safe space and opportunity to not only teach one another, but learn from one another. This community centre will do more to bridge tensions between communities than the council continuing to remain complicit in an Islamophobic, xenophobic agenda that is being pushed by [REDACTED]

I cannot return to London for the time-being, as I am caring for an extremely clinically vulnerable person. I do hope that when I can return, I'm able to come back to a community that is wiser, celebrates diversity as a strength, and is also more empathetic than what Bobby and his opposition are trying to promote.

Yours sincerely,



From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:34 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
N12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and member of the Jewish community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:38 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:43 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
N7 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:47 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and a local Golders Green resident how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:56:51 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW6 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
N12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

Antonia Ba [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 06:57:00 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 08:30:43 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Golders Green Hippodrome - Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Mr Khan

My address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 February 2021 08:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Golders Green Hippodrome - Ref: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan
Planning Technician
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London Borough of Barnet
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 February 2021 22:12
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Golders Green Hippodrome - Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/Mdm

I strongly object to the planning application to convert the Golders Green Hippodrome into a mosque.

I have been living in Golders Green for more than 20 years and I have noticed that the area around the underground station and the Hippodrome has become very congested. If a mosque were to replace the Hippodrome the traffic congestion would become worse and there will be increased in noise and air pollution level.

Golders Green is such a beautiful and peaceful place to live in. Please do not ruin it and I beg you to turn down the planning application to turn the Hippodrome into a mosque.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 10:04:05 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Golders Green Hippodrome

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Feb 2021, at 08:31, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: 20 February 2021 23:45

To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>

Subject: Golders Green Hippodrome

Application Reference 20/2988/FUL

Application site: Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7RP

I wish to OBJECT to the present Planning Application on the grounds that if approved it will greatly impact on the local Golders Green Town Centre Conservation Area., causing loss of amenity due to increased road traffic, congestion, noise disturbance and parking difficulties. This is a very busy area and an increase of around 1400 people (as stated in the application) arriving at the

venue attending functions, performances, religious services, classes, and communal activities throughout the day and late into the evening is not acceptable. Planning conditions in respect of hours of use would need to be strictly enforced.

 NW11

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 10:34:04 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Cc: Evathia
Subject: Reference Number: 20/2988/FUL GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my views that I object to the above planning application been approved by Barnet Council for the reasons that the proposed development would generate a lot of traffic and cause highway safety issues particularly for pedestrians, such as me. I am not a driver but use the roads to cross and the pavements extensively for local amenities. I have lived in my home for over 20 years and the area where the proposed development is sited is already very busy and one has to be very careful with crossing safely individually and also with families and people who are older and disabled and children of all ages.

Also, when one is hard of hearing or perhaps confused due to their health disorders, the noise and disturbance resulting from the use of the proposed development is likely in my view to be very disconcerting!

Thank you for taking my views of objection in to account when you are discussing this planning application.

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 12:49:20 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 12:49:26 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
HA8 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz. I visited the site and met with a representative who explained why Barnet should approve the planning application.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. As you know, the Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. We are horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. We stand against hate in all its forms. We appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and we are excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 12:49:37 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I'm a resident of the area, I live here, shop here, my daughter goes to nursery here. I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I'm offended that a lawyer who calls himself the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. I take personal offence some of their language purports to represent Jewish interests. They certainly don't represent myself, my family or friends.

Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 13:53:59 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Planning reference 20/2988/FUL- Objection

It is [REDACTED]
ENS [REDACTED]
Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 February 2021 08:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Planning reference 20/2988/FUL- Objection

[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 February 2021 20:26
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning reference 20/2988/FUL- Objection

Dear Planning Inspector & Council Team

I am writing to you to raise my strong objection to the new application to turn Golders Green Hippodrome to turn it into a mosque. This new application shouldn't be a way for the Council and the Hippodrome owners to get out of the existing Appeal due to be heard soon. This application seems to be a controversial move and the Council should refuse it so that it can be joined with the current Appeal, to be settled by the planning inspector.

Application reference number: 20/2988/FUL
Site Address: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP.

Below are my points due which I object to the conversion of Golden Green Hippodrome into a mosque.

1. Golders Green and Hampstead Conservation Areas:

The mosque will dominate the area and be completely out of character. It will be twice the size of Finsbury Park Mosque and comparable to Regents Park Mosque. The promoters have said they want it "To be among the largest Islamic Centres in Europe". This beloved Grade II listed building is an arts and performance space for all, not for just one part of the community. The application will get rid of concerts, conferences, drama and dance. It will irreversibly harm the building's artistic heritage, local character and people's amenities.

2. Congestion and Parking:

At over 58,500 sq feet, and over 3000 seats, plus standing room, one of the "largest Islamic Centres in Europe" would attract cars from across the UK and Europe. Opening hours to 23.30 would force people to drive home. Traffic congestion and parking on yellow lines have been continuous problems, and residents' lives have been badly affected by illegal parking and obstruction. Promises to manage traffic completely failed. Congestion is already serious on this major route, and it would become impossible. This mosque would intensify toxic emissions, where twice the legal limit for NO2 has already been reached. This is the worst place the applicants could have chosen.

3. Disturbance:

Residents reported constant disturbance until after midnight: car doors slamming, engines revving, and lack of consideration for people asleep. Planning conditions were imposed in 2007 for this reason: "to safeguard the amenities of the area". The mosque ignored these conditions, such as opening hours, which would always be hard to enforce, e.g. during Ramadan and Muharram. Their use of the Hippodrome has broken planning control since 2017, and indicates that the use could not be controlled by planning conditions. The problem would likely worsen if this planning permission went through.

Hope you will take notice of this and take necessary action and steps towards this objection. Thanks!

Best Regards

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To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and/or member of X community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. As you know, the Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. We are horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. We stand against hate in all its forms. We appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and we are excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 16:14:00 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Objection to Planning Application Ref: 20/2988 FUL □ Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, Golders Green, NW11 7RP

I am writing to object to the above planning application for the □ Variation of conditions (Use) □ of the 2007 planning permission in respect of the building.

My reasons for objecting are as follows:-

It seems to me that the proposed use is likely to generate a great deal of traffic and noise.

The Hippodrome only has very limited parking and the neighbouring streets ([REDACTED]) are likely to see substantial additional parking.

In the circumstances I request the Committee to refuse the above referred to planning application.

Yours faithfully

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