

Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

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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

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am very concerned that this is a residential area and a mosque of the size they are proposing will cause much disturbance and affect the neighbours in many ways. The center propose being open all day until late evening which will affect parking in the local area, as it is too late to expect people to be using public transport and this in turn will affect pollution in the area. It will also affect noise levels at all times, particularly late at night.

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Comment: I am objecting due to the volume of people, traffic, noise and nuisance that this would bring to our area. parking, noise and late night disturbance would change the character of Golders Green.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Mk3 [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As the general public I feel turning such a historical place into something else will completely change the atmosphere of the area and it will lose the British culture and heritage. That why on behalf of the public I think this planning to change the building into something else is right and I object.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: THE FUTURE PURPOSE OF THE USE OF THE BUILDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WORSHIPPERS WOULD BE MAINLY COMING FROM AREAS OUTSIDE THE VICINTY AND THEREFOR BE COMING WTH THEIR OWN CARS AND WILL CONSIDER STAYING FOR A LONG TIME.

NOT ONLY COULD THERE BE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BUT ALSO GREAT CONGESTION AND SOCIAL DISTURBANCE FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ALSO CAUSE GREAT CONGESTION WITHIN THE AREA OF THE LARGE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM WITHIN GOLDERS GREEN STATION.

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[REDACTED]

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Comment: I do believe that public buildings in a locality are there to serve the needs of the people who live in that locality. Golders Green used to have at least 4 pubs which served the locals. As the locals demographics changed, these pubs eventually started shutting down one by one. The residents of Golders Green are primarily of the Christian and Jewish faith; hence the large number of churches and synagogues in the area. People of the Muslim faith are very few in number in Golders Green and its immediate surrounding areas. As has already been evident since the opening of the Islamic Centre several years ago, the people visiting it are not from the neighbourhood and hence they are coming in by car. Having friends who live in close proximity to The Hippodrome, their lives have been blighted by noise of people and cars and unsociable hours, heavy congestions in a key contraflow area as well as driveways being blocked by cars of people making use of the centre.

It makes no sense to me whatsoever, to open a centre of this nature to a community who do not live in the area.

I am also concerned about unsocial behaviour in a busy area around Golders Green Station with residential streets very close by.

I object to the granting of the above-mentioned license in the strongest terms possible.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have previously logged my reasons for opposing this application in October 2017 and would stand by what I said that Barnet Council need to listen to the sentiments of the local residents like myself, who has lived at our current address for over 28 years. We have already watched the area go down hill; dirty streets, impossible parking; closure of shops on our high street; influx of people to the area, all whilst paying increasingly extortionate council tax charges.

As there is very little parking at the site so it would be inevitable for those visiting the mosque to have travel by local transport or if driving, to park in local roads. I do not wish to see parking restrictions being extended and I must add that parking was more difficult when the mosque opened, as members were clearly using our road and the local roads to park in. Moreover, the extra traffic will cause noise to the early hours of the morning which would be a nuisance for local residents. This together with any proposed expansion of train and bus services would cause extra pollution from toxic gas emissions, and as I understand it, Golders Green is already above limits

In my original objection, I also stated that it was clear to see that most of the people who are supporting the mosque are NOT local residents, proving that people will be travelling from afar and highlights the fact that the mosque is not a requirement of the immediate local community and I believe this remains the same.

I would also like to add that I have attended concerts by the BBC in the past and were flabbergasted at what a wonderful venue this Grade 2 listed building is. It is a beautiful iconic building that should remain so and be a venue that is open to all communities and residents.

If planning permission is granted, this will be detrimental for Golders Green and Hampstead/Garden Suburb and our environment.

I strongly oppose this application

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Comment: Traffic issues EVERY Friday. No adherence to parking laws, increase in noise levels, social non-integration with local community.

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Address: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

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.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The overriding objection to this application is the detrimental impact of traffic generation and parking problems by the proposed use.

The application seeks to downplay traffic generation by pointing to the Hippodrome's ideal location to a public transport. However, following Covid 19 it is to be expected that there will be reluctance to use of public transport resulting in more private vehicle use which then need to park.

Golders Green and its surrounding area already suffers from over-parking because of the transport hub and many of the surrounding streets are already Controlled Parking Zones.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am a senior citizen of 91 years and have lived all my life in Hampstead, Golders Green and the Hampstead garden suburb. During my lifetime - this place has undergone a sea change - for the worse. This is largely due to the incessant increase of construction and traffic. It must be stopped. This issue was brought to my notice by my neighbour and I strongly object.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:33:19 +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, that my husband, [REDACTED] and I, [REDACTED] as Barnet Council residents for 39 years and also as members of Alyth Gardens synagogue, fully support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

We are 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're excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of our support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:33:39 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident for 75 years, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

Markaz means meeting place, religious buildings now are centres that enhance the health and well being of both the young and elderly. The centre will have classes, youth leaders social and welfare groups. These locals of thirty years or more, refugees from the hell of Saddam in Iraq, should have no problems in getting Planning permission for what Christians, Jews, Hindus, Seiks and all our other local faith groups have.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities.

We are horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group of unknown people more than likely not locals but right wing extremists, to oppose their use of a building. We stand against hate in all its forms. Golders Green is easy to access by bus and train for the surrounding areas across Barnet. 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.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: Given the capacity of the proposed venue and prayer times especially around the Summer I am very concerned about congestion and parking difficulties in an area which is already very congested and very poorly served in terms of public parking

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My objection is to preserve the status of the surrounding area and create a disturbance of the present communities

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:09:37 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I live in Finchely and travel through Golders Green every day on my way to work. I am proud that Barnet is a diverse, multi-cultural borough and I know how important religious communities are to the life and prosperity of this part of London.

The Jewish community, of which I am a part, knows what it is like to be persecuted and I now stand alongside my Muslim friends and neighbours to help them develop the religious and community premises that they need.

I have studied the plans carefully and cannot see how all the horror stories that are being spread about the proposed development could possibly be considered as anything other than a biased hate campaign. They have submitted a travel plan which does a good job of explaining the impact on the local area and residents. It certainly meets a higher standard than the travel plans of many churches and synagogues.

I also think it is important to put such a significant building, with particularly good public transport links, to good use again.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:09:42 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW4 [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 Quaker 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, 18 Feb 2021 07:09:47 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:09:51 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9 [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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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:09:59 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and member of New North London Synagogue how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:10:06 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N2 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:10:21 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SW2 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 07:10:28 +0000 (UTC)
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N10 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a North London resident and ally to the local Islamic community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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From [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW2 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 08:49:58 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

Dear Yasmeen

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]

Thanks

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 18 Feb 2021, at 08:48, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

□

Dear Sir

Please provide your full postal address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

Planning and Building Control

London Borough of Barnet

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From:

Sent: 16 February 2021 12:12

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

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

Dear Sir, Madam

I am writing you as I vehemently oppose to the Golders Hippodrome to be turned into one of the Largest Islamic Centres in Europe.

I have lived in Golders Green and the surrounding areas for over 60 years and this will irreversibly harm the the building's artistic heritage as well as the local character and total change the area and amenities.

There will be MAJOR traffic congestions, illegal parking, toxic emissions would rise to an unsustainable level.

Unlimited disturbance and lack of consideration to local residents and the area as a whole.

I implore you to stop this plan from happening.

Thank you

Kind regards

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

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To: Planning Consultation

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

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Best Regards

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 09:00:50 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
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To: Planning Consultation
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N10 [REDACTED]
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:22:45 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Application 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome NW11 7RP

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I write to oppose the application to convert the former Golders Green Hippodrome into a mosque. Those people frequenting it in its previous, pre-Covid existence as a Muslim Centre proved to be the worst of neighbours.

Despite the fact that Golders Green Station is a major public transport hub, attendants/congregants seemed universally to arrive and depart by private car. Their cars blocked the drives of private residents, and were also parked illegally and in such a way as potentially to block access to emergency vehicles; voices shouted and doors were slammed at very late hours.

All this was in marked contrast to the behaviour of the Hippodrome's previous tenants, the El-Shaddai church. Congregants arrived mostly by minibus, occasioned minimal disturbance in residential streets - and were neighbourly enough to patronise local (and halal, as it happens) restaurants.

Although this is a minor factor, I will mention that my husband and I were pleased to receive an invitation to an event at the Muslim Centre, but when we turned up, all doors were closed. It appears that the event was cancelled - without notice to us - because among the sponsoring bodies was one based in, or associated with, an institution in the state of Israel. This, sadly, is further evidence of the Centre's lack of interest in inter-faith activity, or in building bridges in the immediate neighbourhood - and evidence too, of its lack of independence from outside pressure. Not good omens.

yours sincerely

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:29:19 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:29:24 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:29:30 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW4 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:53:20 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

Re consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing as a Barnet Council resident and member of the Jewish community to let you know that I support planning permission for the Markaz at the Hippodrome site in Golders Green

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. I am also pleased that they will adopt and maintain this historic site. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 10:53:24 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9 [REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 11:29:34 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW1 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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I know that allowing people to flourish and practice their religion, culture and community life in a safe place that is their own benefits the whole community. It allows us all to live in respectful peace and harmony when all parts of the community feel welcome and free.

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

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 12:12:06 +0000 (UTC)
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From [REDACTED]
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To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL: Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, NW11 7RP

Dear Yasmeen,

My address is:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Date: Thursday, 18 February 2021 at 08:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL: Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, NW11 7RP

Dear Louisa Bentata

Please provide your full home address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

Planning and Building Control

London Borough of Barnet

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Sent: 16 February 2021 08:25

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

Subject: 20/2988/FUL: Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, NW11 7RP

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, NW11 7RP development 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to submit my comments against the development of the hippodrome into a place of worship on the following grounds:

1. **Scale:** Golders Green has a high concentration of all religions and people. They pray in many small churches, temples and synagogues across the area. Small crowds are less likely to create problems than big crowds. My concern is that the Hippodrome is so massive that it will become an imposing, maybe even scary location. Wouldn't it make more sense to have 3 or 4 smaller mosques built in the area to reduce this local intimidation? Golders Green is a very multicultural area with so many cultures and religions co-existing. There is a risk that a huge mosque risks alienating a harmonious heterogenous local population and damaging the local culture.
2. **Traffic congestion:** this would introduce an enormous number of extra cars to the already congested area.
3. **Parking difficulties:** There are currently so few parking spaces available if one wants to visit one of the local shops. With so many more cars on the road, this parking would become even more challenging.
4. **Elimination of other cultural events:** By using this building for the purpose of a mosque will prevent it being used for a wider use. To date, it has been used for concerts, plays and events which have attracted a multicultural crowd. Without this location to perform these diverse arts events, the local character and access to culture will be reduced.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours faithfully,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 13:34:35 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application 20/2988/FUL, Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Good afternoon,

I hope you are all well and staying safe.

I refer to the Planning Application mentioned in the Subject space.

The Jewish Community in the UK is a very small one, and there are very few areas in the whole country with a high concentration of Jews. One of the highest if not the highest is Golders Green. Why anyone would think that building an enormous Mosque in the area with one of the highest concentration of Jews in the whole of the UK is a good idea is anyone's guess. Everyone knows or should know that when there are tensions in the Middle East it spills over into areas where Jews are living, and we all know that tensions are a regular occurrence in that part of the world.

When this happens it affects everyone in that area including those who have absolutely no connection with anything going on over there! I hope the Council will assure all of us that it will guarantee the security of all of us at all times.

However, leaving aside this issue for me as a resident of West Heath Drive the real concern is based on what I have experienced during the time the centre was up and running. It is fair to say that close to 90 or even 100 Pct of those attending do not live in the area based on the commotion usually totally absent when nothing is happening there.

For reasons best known to those attending they seem to refuse to come to Golders Green on public transport. Those attending services under previous ownership did arrive almost exclusively on public transport. The difference in approach has had severe consequences for us residents. The Hippodrome does not provide anything approaching adequate parking which means that not only were there constant issues with cars being parked everywhere, legally and illegally including blocking my drive and the Council not enforcing anything, but there was constant noise from cars driving up and down looking for parking spaces. Doors were slammed with no concern to anyone late at night.

The level of additional pollution caused by all this traffic would always have been completely unacceptable but even more so when the Government has made its ambitious CO2 emission objectives a central plank of its plans. How can this Council approve a planning application which will greatly increase pollution in a residential area?

The size of this project is completely out of tune and out of character with the residential nature of this area. It does nothing to add to the quality of life of the residents but makes their quality of life worse at the expense of Non Residents. The policy of the Council with regard to parking has been to introduce residents parking precisely to avoid non residents blocking up the streets at the expense of residents. This project would actively encourage non residents to swamp the area at our expense.

That is not why we are paying council tax so that the council allows our quality of life to be reduced on a regular basis.

I strongly object to this planning application and I sincerely hope that the Council will reject it.

Best regards

 NW11 

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 13:38:50 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

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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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 13:46:24 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning application: 20/2988/FUL

Planning application: 20/2988/FUL
Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

I strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

1. Harm to the Golders Green and Hampstead conservation area and local residents

The proposed mosque is absurdly massive in size and in total disrespect for its surroundings. It is arrogant in its design and appearance, has nothing in common with its surroundings, imposes on the neighbouring conservation character and simply projects a force of domination onto the local community. Its size is totally out of proportion and preponderant : it will be twice the size of Finsbury Park mosque and comparable to the biggest mosque in London. Stating its ambition to become “one of the largest Islamic centres in Europe”, is absurd, taken out of context, and demonstrates it will not serve its local community but reach far and beyond. It will bring irreversibly harm to the building’s artistic heritage, local character, and people's amenities.

2. Loss of a grade 2 listed building, which served a LOCAL community, offering a wide array of services across all ages.

This is an arts and performance building that is currently used for a wide and diverse community, benefiting all ages, all races, and all faiths (instead of 1 faith). It is a real shame that so many youths of different faiths will no longer be able to come together and use its many benefits. The proposed application provides no substitution for the many services now offered such as concerts, conferences, drama and dance.

3. Unacceptable increase in congestion and parking issues.

I believed Barnet had a duty to provide development that discourages cars and allows for a reduction in carbon footprint. Given the proposed ambition and its resulting size, it is clear this venue will attract people from far and beyond, from across North London, even the UK and Europe.

Its proposed opening hours to 23:30 implies a large percentage of the people attending will resort to cars as a means of transportation.

Congestion is already ridiculous on this major road, and it would become simply untenable across the week, but especially on religious days. This area exceeds already 2-times the legal limit for NO2. The carbon footprint would increase dramatically.

There is simply not enough parking, parking on yellow lines is already a massive, continuous problem. As you know, local residents have repeatedly voiced concerns over the years, and will suffer even more from illegal parking and

obstruction this proposed will cause because of the thousands of people it will attract.

4. Serious harm to amenity for local residents

Why should the proposed be allowed to serve far and beyond its community if, when doing so, it will harm the amenity of its local residents? Often the increase in harm inflicted by a building is exponential (ie not linear) to its increase in size. Why does this development need to serve beyond its local community, if only a very small percentage of its local community will be able to benefit from it, but instead, a massive percentage of its local residents will suffer harm to their amenity?

This is simply unacceptable.

Local resident's amenity will be severely harmed because of the massive increase in footfall as well as an increase in the use of cars because of the proposed, and this at all times of the day.

The current hippodrome is already causing residents massive disturbance, such as fracas well after midnight of car doors slamming, engines revving and lack of consideration for people asleep. This will become exponential because of the ridiculous size and amount of people the proposed aims to attract.

Planning conditions imposed in the past in 2007 to safeguard such harm to amenity have proved to be ineffective and impossible to enforce. Why would this be different with this application? It is hard to enforce in any case, and certainly not when the mosque will attract thousands of people well into the night on religious occasions such as Ramadan and Muharram. Planning conditions have been broken repeatedly in the past, indicating imposition is impossible to monitor, regulate or enforce.

On the basis of the above objections, I strongly urge Barnet to reject this application.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:27:59 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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Best Regards


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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:37:01 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear [REDACTED]

Please provide your full home address so we are able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

Planning and Building Control

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2021 14:11
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

Dear **Sir**


Your reference: 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to support the application to convert the above premises to a mosque.

I believe it would enhance diversity in the area, as all other religious institutions are represented in the Golder Green ward except for a mosque.

I fervently hope the council would approve this conversion as this building will also find a use that would prevent developers from breaking or reconverting it into something else.

Yours faithfully



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:40:18 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to object to the development of the mosque in the landmark Hippodrome building. This has always been a venue for the whole community and turning it into a mosque will take away the opportunity to once again have a music and arts centre on our doorstep.

Additionally, this is a conservation area and adapting this beloved building will damage the building's artistic and architectural heritage, character and more than that, it will forever be lost as an arts centre. That means in Barnet, one of the biggest boroughs in the capital, we will only have the Arts Depot in Finchley as our main cultural centre, hardly enough for over 450,000 people.

My other concern is traffic congestion and parking. Parking is hard enough as it is in Golders Green and with a mosque this size this can only lead to hundreds of people travelling to the area, I remember last time traffic was horrendous and there was parking on double yellow lines, it was especially noisy at night and with parking far into residential roads the noise of doors slamming and cars was very disturbing late at night. When life gets back to normal the traffic will be bad enough without thousands of people coming here each week, let alone pollution issues and the consequential damage to the environment.

Have you considered other areas that would be more suitable for a building this size, with more parking, fewer residents that could be disturbed and with a smaller environmental impact? What about the area around Staples Corner, there is plenty of disused space there, including the old multi screen cinema where there is plenty of parking and the adjacent wasteland; or the site of the now empty Homebase in Tally Ho, it's a huge space and there is parking and it is well away from residential buildings.

I have lived in this area all my life and really do object most strongly to this application.

Yours faithfully

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[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:40:51 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Sirs

I write to support the change of use of the above premises to be used as a mosque.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] NW11

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:15 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
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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]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:18 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:21 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:25 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:33 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N11 [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 member of the Muslim community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:39 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
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Dear Barnet Council

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 14:59:45 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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I'm writing to let you know, as a member of Alyth Synagogue in Barnet, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 15:00:03 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
BN41 [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 former resident who grew up in Finchley, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 15:00:07 +0000 (UTC)
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[REDACTED]
NW3
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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 15:11:41 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

Dear **Sirs**

Your reference: 20/2988/FUL

I write to support the use of the above Hippodrome at Golder's Green NW11 7RP, as a mosque
The building is designed to serve the purpose of gatherings of people as in weddings and places of worship
etc. and is well served by transportation links.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 16:04:07 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Planning Inspector & Council Team

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

Best Regards


MK8 

ALA

I'm writing to let you know, as a Jew and interfaith activist I support planning permission for the Markaz, a group of Muslims facing hate, despite enriching life in Golders Green, as well as working closely with Jewish and Muslim groups

Yours sincerely,

11/11/2016

HA8

As a Barnet Council resident and as a member of Alyth Synagogue's community, I'm writing to let you know how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

Yours sincerely,

15 JANUARY 2005

N10

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Yours sincerely,

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 17:33:55 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the Golders Green Hippodrome becoming a Mosque.

This is a beloved Grade II listed building which has always been used for arts and performances for everybody in the community and this will harm the building's artistic heritage and character.

This enormous building would attract cars from all over the UK and possible overseas too. We are a very busy dental practice (one of the three all next to each other) and our patients are having enough difficulty with parking in the current circumstances. If the mosque is open from very early in the morning to 11.30 pm with room for over 3,000 people we will lose so much revenue as our patients will not be able to park and will therefore stop coming to our practice. Congestion is already bad enough on this major route and this would make parking impossible.

I think you really need to consider this very carefully as it is going to have such a huge irreversible effect on the residents, businesses and the whole community.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 17:44:24 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Yasmeen

My address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

> On 18 Feb 2021, at 08:53, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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> [REDACTED]

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> Please provide your full home address so we are able to log your comments.

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> Thank you

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> Kind regards

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> Yasmeen Khan

> Planning Technician

> Planning and Building Control

> London Borough of Barnet

> 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW

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> From: [REDACTED]

> Sent: 16 February 2021 13:47

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

> Subject: 20/2988/FUL

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> Dear Barnet planning

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> I am writing with reference to the Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7 RP - reference 20/2988/FUL

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> I would like to object very strongly against permission for using the site as a mosque.

> This part of Golders Green is very congested already - it is already excessively polluted and the footfall and car population are already at times unbearably dense - A mosque would make this area totally overloaded at peak times for people who use the shopping areas, the roads and the parking and for residents of the area - it would put excessive strain on traffic flow, on air pollution, on homeowners who

want to have friends visit and park outside their homes .

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> I would also object to the idea of a building of this nature being used exclusively by one sub community. Instead it should be used for the whole diverse community. It should not be turned into any religious institution of any kind.

> It should serve the multiplicity of the population of Barnet and for cultural purposes - Planning controls since 2007 have not been respected- people have complained and to no effect - there is no confidence that respect of limitations and conditions would be held based on past behaviour .

> Therefore I strongly urge against granting permission for this beloved building to be turned into a mosque.

> Yours sincerely



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> Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 19:21:40 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

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Best Regards

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]



BR1

[REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 19:26:55 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
BD9 [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]

N10

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Yours sincerely,

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 19:27:05 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
HA9 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 19:27:16 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N10 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a [Haringey Council resident], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:10 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
WD6 [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:14 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW2 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:17 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]
HA7 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know as a resident of Harrow and a member of International Islamic Link, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, in Barnet, the Markaz.

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[REDACTED]

HA8

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Yours sincerely,

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:29 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
WD18 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:34 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:38 +0000 (UTC)
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
SE28 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:42 +0000 (UTC)
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[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 23:00:24 +0000
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Best Regards

[REDACTED]
WD23 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
N14

Sent from my iPhone

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:31:45 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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 made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support the Markaz in their aims to set up and run a community centre reflecting their Islamic beliefs and culture. Golders Green is a diverse community and is better for that. I'm Jewish and the daughter of a refugee. Many of us in Golders Green have experienced persecution or have parents who are refugees from persecution. We should support others who are in a similar situation, and we should support initiatives for educating successor generations in their parents' culture and for educating each other for mutual understanding. We should be cultivating curiosity and not fear.

I don't believe that the Markaz should even need to ask for planning permission for a change of use. For the whole of living memory, the Hippodrome has been a cultural centre. It was already given permission to be a centre for religious activity when it became a Christian centre. As far as I can see, nothing is changing anyway. Muslims in Golders Green are just as welcome as Christians, in my mind, and in law, and there's plenty of room for all the religious groups who want to be active.

When it was the Hippodrome nobody worried about increased traffic. While it was a Christian centre there was no noticeable disruption. Parking around Golders Green is difficult anyway, unless one has a blue badge, and anybody who isn't disabled can come using the excellent public transport links. There's no reason to think that an Islamic centre will generate any problems with traffic. On the contrary, the increased footfall will aid local business and shops and will thus benefit the community as a whole.

The planning committee should grant full permission to the Markaz to continue its activities and to expand to the full capacity of the building.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 09:51:02 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Application Reference Number: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

Please provide your full home address in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2021 15:34
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Application Reference Number: 20/2988/FUL

Dear members of Barnet Council,

I would like to strongly oppose the construction of a mosque on Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP.


I feel very strongly that a mosque would dilute the character of the area and lead to overemphasis of one community.

The Arts and Performance Building that it currently is, is a beautiful way for all communities to mingle and thrive together. Constructing a mosque that serves only the interests of one community is totally against the spirit of mutual respect for people of all faiths. To add to that, it will lead to congestion and parking problems in an already crowded area.

This is truly a really really bad location for a mosque and I wish to express my disapproval for constructing a mosque there.

Hope this plan is not passed.

Regards



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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:

Comment:A) Parking and Congestion: the proposed use would encourage more vehicles into the vicinity, increasing traffic congestion, pollution and overcrowding for parking on surrounding streets.

B) The proposed use is completely out of character with the local HGS, Hampstead and Golders Green conservation areas... It will alter the pre-existing use of the building as an arts centre for the entire community

C) Noise and Disturbance: The intended capacity for the proposed use would mean at certain times there would be disturbance and noise associated with people leaving the building late at night.

I recommend that the planning application be rejected.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 08:10:50 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
UB7 [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 08:10:53 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
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Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 08:10:56 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
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N18 [REDACTED]

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Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 08:10:59 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N18 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

15 JANUARY 2005

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 09:15:28 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW9 [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 Brent Council resident, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 09:15:31 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 10:24:45 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW6
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 10:24:49 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N6 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 10:53:45 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: APPLICATION REF. NO. 20/2988/FUL GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, NORTH END ROAD, NW11 7RP

APPLICATION REF. NO. 20/2988/FUL GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, NORTH END ROAD, NW11 7RP

Dear Barnet Planning Consultation,

In regard to comments from local residents:

I object to this application:

Because, this is a Grade II listed building, with usage for entertainment. Applying for a place of worship and subsequent full conversion to a 'Super Mosque' will completely change that usage. The Hippodrome is a historic building and entitled to local and national heritage protection.

Furthermore, as a resident who lives close by, the proposed use is:

Out of proportion in scale and size, will have a detrimental impact on local communities, place an excessive burden on infrastructure, causing extra congestion in an area only just coping with existing congestion levels, and therefore increase pollution and noise disturbance levels.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[NW11](#) [REDACTED]

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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.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 13:01:33 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Yasmeen Khan,

I would appreciate reassurance that my details (name, address) are not made public. My comments stand on their own.

However, I do understand that you may wish to verify me. [REDACTED]

With thanks

[REDACTED]

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

Sent: 19 February 2021 10:56

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]
Could you please provide your property number as well in order to be able to log your comments..

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan
Planning Technician
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Sent: 17 February 2021 13:04

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

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

Attention: London Borough of Barnet

Re: Reference number: 20/2988/FUL

Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

This application is controversial and should be refused by the Council. There are many reasons the requested use as a mosque should be refused in this conservation area.

1. Most importantly, the mosque will dominate the area and be out of character. The promotion of it "To be among the largest Islamic Centres in Europe" is a threat to dominate the mixed communities living in and around this area, of all denominations and none.
2. This listed building is an arts and performance space for all, not just for one part of the community. This is a building appropriate for concerts, conferences, drama and dance representing all communities. This should be an amenity for all.
3. The collateral damage will include congestion in the immediate area and extending further into adjacent areas, parking problems and disturbance to those residents living in the area and areas nearby.

This planning application for the Golders Green Hippodrome to become a mosque should be refused on all the above grounds.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW3

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 15:29:47 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Objection to 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

The Mosque will dominate the area and be completely out of character in this conservation area. It will be twice the size of Finsbury Park Mosque and comparable to Regent's Park Mosque.

With over 3,000 seats plus standing room it would attract too many cars and cause high levels of traffic congestion and toxic emissions.

Residents have reported constant disturbance until after midnight as the owners have ignored the planning conditions imposed in 2007 and planning controls since 2017 indicating that this use cannot be controlled by planning conditions. The problem would worsen if planning permission were successful.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Request to speak at committee

Comment: I am unhappy about this application as this already caused disruption to the road with excess noise and people parking and leaving their cars anywhere, even double yellow lines. On numerous occasions we have had to report cars that have blocked our drive and not been collected for hours.

This building was for use as an entertainment centre and not for a mosque

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Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to object to this proposal on the basis that an increase in the number of visitors to the Hippodrome compared to its previous occupiers, will create substantially more pedestrian and traffic congestion and noise.

The increase in numbers of people and vehicles in the surrounding area will lead to a rise in inconsiderate parking, blocking residents driveways and an increase in noise at unsociable hours.

There will be an increase in the noise from people visiting the mosque after midnight - waking residents who have a reasonable expectation for their peace and quiet not to be disturbed in the early hours of the morning. There will be an increase in the amount of people sitting in their cars playing loud music and chatting loudly along the road. No consideration is made for the lateness of the hour, or for people sleeping.

Congestion to Rotherwick Road, with vehicles being parked on both sides of the street, does not allow free movement of two vehicles along the road, which is dangerous to pedestrians and cars and causes massive congestion.

A car trying to enter Rotherwick Road from the Finchley Road cannot safely do so with cars parked on both sides of the road. There are no weekend parking restrictions on Rotherwick Road, despite its proximity to the Hippodrome and lack of observance of the double yellow lines on both sides of the road has been a persistent problem on days and at times when the mosque is in use. Reversing into a busy main road like the Finchley Road, is dangerous for pedestrians and cars alike.

People have been unreasonable and unapologetic for their careless and inconsiderate parking, often becoming abusive and rude if politely asked to observe the parking restrictions.

People often sit in their cars with their engines running, especially in winter, which causes an increase in pollution and noise. An environmental study should be done to test the levels of pollution in the area to assess the toxic emission levels

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to object to the new planning proposals to the Hippodrome on the following grounds. I live in a road that is near the Hippodrome and is impacted by its use.

Most notably we have found that congestion and parking in our road is significantly worse on days and at times when the mosque is in use, being its worst at the weekends.

Significant traffic problems are caused by people using the mosque parking in our road, on both sides of the street, and often very inconsiderately. We have had our driveway blocked on a number of occasions, meaning that there is no way to get our car out of our driveway, once when we needed to take our son to hospital. There is no accountability and no way to deal with inconsiderate drivers, who often return to their cars late at night, after we have gone to sleep. At other times they sit in their cars, with music playing loudly, causing noise disturbance.

When cars are parked the whole way up and down the road, it does not allow two way traffic to pass down the road, which is dangerous. There is no where to pull in and leads to significant traffic jams. The increase in cars congested on the road increases pollution levels, which raises the emissions to dangerously toxic levels.

No parking restrictions in this road, which is in very close proximity to the Hippodrome make living in the road miserable at the times the mosque is in use. The inability to park inside our own driveway, or indeed across our own driveway, makes going out in the car at the weekend almost impossible. It has a material impact on our enjoyment of our own house on the road.

We have 4 children and spend a lot of time taking and collecting them at the weekend from

various activities. The increase in vehicles due to visitors to the mosque make this a real challenge and have caused us to want to move at times. Inconsiderate parking, noise at late hours, loud music played late in to the night materially affects our enjoyment of our road/house.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Planning & Building Control
2 Bristol Avenue,
London NW9 4EW

20th February 2021

Planning and Building Control Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Site: Hippodrome, Golders Green NW11 7RP

Objection against" Use of land as a Place of Worship, not comprising use as a church, to hold, concerts, conferences, drama and dance festivals

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to object most strongly to the planning application to change The Hippodrome's current use to "A Place of Worship".

When I moved into the area, I was happy that the amount of traffic in and around the area near my home would not impact on my life - however, in 2017 the new owners of the Hippodrome changed that when they opened their doors asking for worshippers far and wide to come to pray/ take part in food offer etc. the result was that there were Cars/People Carriers etc stretching all along North End Road/ Wildwood Road/Hampstead Way as parking on these roads gives easy access to The Hippodrome across the heath extension. It went on late into the night. This is totally unacceptable. We know from those early days the council will not be able to control the parking issue this will bring, we saw it very clearly. I cannot fail to mention the toxicity levels the number of vehicles will add polluting the air even further.

I must stress that Golders Green Road/North End Road are arterial roads to the Royal Free Hospital and several times a day ambulances' use them to access the hospital. On the very first openings of the Hippodrome the ambulances could not get through - this is life threatening and must be taken into consideration.

The Hippodrome is a building with character and history, its use must be retained for the local community, we cannot ignore the changes which will come as a result of the Corona Virus pandemic locals' residents will want to stay in their area finding local places to visit and enjoy. The current proposal from the new owners could significantly exclude a majority of those Golders Green Residents.

Finally, I am concerned why the previous Enforcement case has been shelved whilst a new planning application has been applied for. Surely all the previous objections should be considered.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 11:27:09 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Dear Gemma,

My address is - [REDACTED] NG15 [REDACTED]

Thanks and regards,
[REDACTED]

On Sat, 20 Feb 2021 at 09:56, Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your comment.

Please be advised that for your comment to be considered with application 20/2988/FUL you will need to provide your address.

Once this has been provided, your comment can be logged accordingly.

Kind regards,

Gemma Apan
Senior Technician – Planning & Street Naming and Numbering
London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 00:13

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

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

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:

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Hi

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[REDACTED]
NG2 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL

GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME, LONDON NW11 7RP

With reference to the above, we irrevocably disagree with the proposed building of a mosque on this site.

For one obvious reason the enormity of such a building in the centre of Golders Green near to the bus station and also private residences is absurd.

There are so many other ways to use the area that would benefit the Golders Green and surrounding inhabitants.

1. On the top floor perhaps economical flatlets for young people who find it too expensive to purchase properties.
2. Part of the top floor could also be used as a car park.
3. A small cinema showing films that could also be used by amateur or other theatre groups.
4. An exhibition Hall showing Art of all kinds. This could possibly be let to different artistic organisations from other areas as well as just local people.
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These objections should be dealt with as soon as possible and with more thought for the better use of this area.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 12:43:11 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Objection to Planning

My address :
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HA6 [REDACTED]

Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

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Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP Or you can write to:

Planning

London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Ave

Collindale

London NW9 4EW

I again stress to objec to the Bar the above application.

Reasons:

It will cause a chause and the problems of Traffic and Parking at odd hours. It will also cause Noise and other pollution.

They are other lots of reasons which I do not want to mention here.

Please please do not allow this changes to this lovely monument.

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Hi, Our address is [REDACTED], NW9 [REDACTED]

Regards,

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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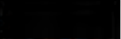
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Hi
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[REDACTED]
Post code B70 [REDACTED]

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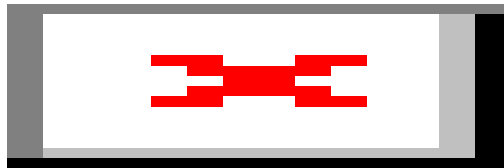
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CF14 [REDACTED]

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Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 14:36:39 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

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On Saturday, 20 February 2021, 12:16:41 GMT, Planning Consultation
<planning.consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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

Sure. My address is

[REDACTED] CR2 [REDACTED]

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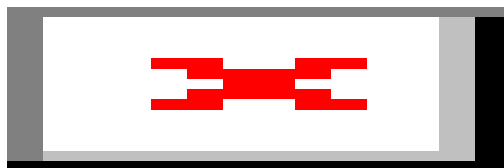
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Sent: Sat, 20 Feb 2021 16:18:31 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Hi Yasmeen,

My full address is [REDACTED] NW6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

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To: Planning Consultation

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

Hi Dan,

My address is [REDACTED] RM10 [REDACTED]

Thanks
[REDACTED]

On Sat, 20 Feb 2021, 21:59 Planning Consultation,

<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon,

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Dan Smith

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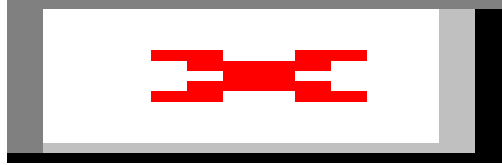
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Thank You for your response,

My Address is:

[REDACTED]
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Email from: [REDACTED]

A resident of Golders Green Area since 1984

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am firmly against the planning application, Reference: 20/2988/FUL for "Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP to be turned into "The Biggest Mosque in Europe"!

I have had many experiences with the Islamic Mosque near my office or relatives' home, especially of such huge size. The first is that there is simply no respect for parking restrictions and double parking on the pavement! I have lived here in Golders Green since

1984 and am well aware of the Parking Issues, **Unsociable Hours During Ramadan which can go till midnight** and all other functions such as Death or Marriage which brings an unacceptable level of undue disturbance such a huge Mosque would bring to local residents while devastating the tranquil ambiance of the whole area. *Please note that the main day of prayer for the Muslim religion is Friday which is a WEEKDAY. This will cause problems for being in mind what is the size of this possible site for a Mosque.*

There is literally a Church opposite and over the years there was never any form of disturbance from them [REDACTED]

The very presence of a **"Biggest Mosque in Europe"** *will bring or attract many protests outside in the street as soon as there is a political or a war situation in the Middle East.* Please do not underestimate the ramification of such a Mosque. **This will imbue much insecurity for the local residents, especially the huge Jewish community who are well established here in Golders Green and Hendon.**

Please kindly reject this application based on the very impracticality and the rather unsettling background together with the facts aforementioned above. **From being the home for BBC Symphony Orchestra to the biggest Mosque in Europe in a predominantly Jewish area, "Which I am NOT", is simply unacceptable.**

I am writing this email as to have a record of the fact that the council was warned of the ramifications when there would be thousands of complaints and **"possible"** skirmishes due to the clash with the locals. This would also affect the already stretched police force at their most vulnerable period.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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