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## Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: having lived in golders green the majority of my life i am very concerned about the above application

1] we regularly shop in golders green specsavers ,boots santander and barclays postoffice etc and find it increasing hard to park ,the numbers of attendees at the mosque will further aggravate the problem and hasten the demise of golders green as a shopping and commercial Centre

2] we love and use golders hill park regularly and like wise feel that lack of parking will inhibit this

3] our families visit and take the train or bus to golders green station , with fewer police visibly on the streets they have felt very uncomfortable and vulnerable around the station area the numbers of people using the building will further exacerbate their fears

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Comment: I object due to the vehicular and parking chaos that has been and will no doubt continue to occur, despite the efforts of the owners to inform visitors as to where parking may be permitted or to make other arrangements such as car share, travelling by bicycle or even on foot etc etc.

Having looked at the "May 2020" Travel Plan appendix "F Travel Survey - Tables of Results", I can only comment that those results of the number of vehicles arriving do not reflect what has been observed in this road and nearby, during the busy and lengthy festival periods, and, clearly, the wording of the Survey concerning "Regular trips to the Markaz" did not appear to address the repeated disruption caused during "The big commemoration event lasting 10 days" nor the "Month long worship month".

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Comment: I totally oppose the built of the mosque on Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP. This is a national heritage spot that will be lost forever. The amount of people who will use it will create extra traffic in the area. This mosque will not benefit London at all. We need more homes to help the homeless, veteran soldiers who fought our great nation who need the help they deserve.

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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 00:07:52 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Hi,

Address is

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2021 11:00:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]

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Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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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.

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Dear Yasmeen Khan

My home address is

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[REDACTED]  
HA0 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HA3 [REDACTED]

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15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**Planning Application: The Hippodrome NW11 7RP**  
**Barnet Planning Service Ref: 20/2988FUL - Hippodrome NW11 7RP**

**Objection against" The change of Use of land as a Place of Worship, not comprising use as a church, to hold, concerts, conferences, drama and dance festivals, in breach of condition 2 of, planning permission ref: C00222W/07, granted 9/5/2007.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We live at [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] and write to object strongly to the latest planning application. We were very inconvenienced when a gathering took place in October 2017 shortly after the Hippodrome was sold to its current owners and they invited their community to join prayers. This breached the current rules.

**We tried to drive home through Golders Green it was gridlocked totally, cars/ people carriers parked on bus stops/yellow lines/ disabled bays impossible for the buses and ambulances to pass through as visitors were from other outlying areas they mostly came by cars etc. We have no reason to believe that this will not happen if this application is passed.**

May I point out that Golders Green Road/ North End Road is a main arterial road to the **Royal Free Hospital** and should not be impeded by larger volumes of traffic than we currently have already. That night on arrival home we witnessed Hampstead Way and Wildwood Road also full of parked cars. Presumably because the Hippodrome can be accessed by crossing the Heath from there. I understood from [REDACTED] that they too could not access their premises from the rear doors due to parked cars owned by visitors to the Hippodrome.

The previous Statement of Appeal point 5.2 expected visitors typically between 80-100 could be up to 1400. There is no infrastructure in and around the Hippodrome to park vehicles carrying up to 1400 plus people or even a quarter of that. I note a point in this new application that there is seating for more than 2000 people. Why would that need to be highlighted if you were expecting only a small number of people? It is clear that the eventual intention is to increase the congregation and this will be unmanageable for the area.

However, the original promotional video on U Tube which I viewed, stated the venue can hold up to 3000 people, and that this venue was intended to become one of the largest Islamic Centres in Europe, this would attract vehicles from UK and Europe. which is contrary to the low figure of 80-100 up to 1400 mentioned in the appeal statement.

1. Local Residents, particularly elderly and disabled [REDACTED], will be adversely affected by having to find other parking locations likely to be further away



from the Hippodrome - which can result in people having to walk distances or be confined to their homes, this is not acceptable. Certainly, most disabled bays will be occupied at prayer times again this will impair the locals and should not be allowed.

2. The Hippodrome a prominent local building originally a HUB for all the local community use. In 2007 El Shaddai used this for religious group purposes but offered a range of activities benefiting the wider community of all ages. Conversely, the Appellant Statement of Appeal states their plan to use the building as a Place of Worship serving "The local Shiai thana Ashari community" by definition excluding a significant number of local residents from access to this amenity, even if invited to join, local residents may feel uncomfortable visiting as language spoken could cause obstacles. It is unrealistic to think that the local community will be encouraged to visit the venue – if it becomes a place of worship for a specific overwhelming group.
3. Furthermore, it was clear in October 2017 by the number of vehicles visiting the venue that most visitors were not from the local community, it attracted visitors from around other London areas.
4. Congestion and Parking/ Travel Plan  
Congestion is already becoming a serious problem on this crowded arterial route. The only access for Ambulances etc to the Royal Free Hospital, for many a lifeline. There is a Travel Plan mentioned, most visitors do not live locally and therefore due to the timings of prayer days and festival days, public transport probably will not suffice for many.  
How will the council be able to stop cars parking / monitor it and stringently enforce it going forward as clearly to date despite having planning rules to adhere to they are happy to breach them.  
Please consider the similarity this application has to the Case No:2734/2019 presided by Mrs Justice Lang DBE of 17/10/19.  
<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHCadmin/2019/2964.html>  
Where Justice Lang's judgement was that local residents had more need than visitors to the area. Use of mainly public transport would be unlikely in the later hours of prayers.
5. Health Issues/ Toxic Emissions.  
The extra volume of traffic is adding to the already high toxic emissions.  
What effects to our health and the environment will we suffer due to the increase in traffic?
6. Disturbance  
The Noise, Disruption, and numbers will be unacceptable for all local people late into the night. Which is presumably why the 2009 planning application C00222W/07 (F00954/09) Travel Plan condition was requested before granting permission to the previous owners. It seems clear that in 2009, Barnet Council were concerned about all the above points, why has that changed?  
Also, important to note that free food is often on offer this will encourage more visitors to prayer and they will remain in the area for a longer time.

Also, in 2009 the council did a survey of the volume of footfall that would increase if permission was granted and looking at the figures they are far below the levels, which are currently being proposed.

I think it is important to note that since Covid 19 restrictions, clearly the local community will prefer to stay local and visit venues much like the Arts Centre in Finchley this is where use of the Hippodrome should be heading - offering entertainment. Local fringe theatres were becoming increasingly more popular, and will again once the Covid pandemic settles down and Golders Green residents will want more convenience. So, to allow change now from current usage which can encompass this entertainment is not in the best interest of the local community. Please consider the judgement of Harrow Council which also agrees the scope of uses will change if this application is passed.

I object in the strongest possible way and point out that our move to Golders Green was to enjoy the amenities of the area, we will be disappointed to lose the Hippodrome as we know it.

Yours sincerely

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**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sun, 21 Feb 2021 10:17:00 +0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** Objection to application: 20/2988/FUL

To whom this may concern,

Please find my official rejection as a resident from Golders Green of the application reference: 20/2988/FUL. Address: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

I firmly and resolutely object to the above application based on the following grounds:

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All of these have been experienced and are well documented issues that existed whilst breaking planning previously. A 91 year old neighbour at 12 West Heath avenue had to sit in her car for over 2 hours as members of the mosque blocked her drive and she couldn't park close enough to walk to her home. She waited in the car a kilometre away for 2 hours- how can this be acceptable! The idea that an 8,000 capacity venue could exist from 800am-1130pm every day without any regard for local residents is truly absurd.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sun, 21 Feb 2021 10:40:46 +0000  
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> The local amenity, quality of life in the area and road traffic safety will all be affected resulting in

increased congestion, air pollution, noise pollution and general disturbance.

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> The Mosque will dominate the areas and be totally out of character. It will be twice the size of Finsbury Park Mosque and comparable to Regents Park Mosque. It is being prompted to be one of the largest Islamic centres in Europe.

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> The historic site, grade II listed is an arts and performance space for all, not just one part of the community. The planning is to get rid of concerts, conferences, drama and dance. It will irreversibly harm its artistic heritage, local character and people's amenities.

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> It is proposed to hold over 3000 seats, plus standing room. It will attract people from all over the UK and EU. Opening hours to 11.30 pm would also force more people to drive home. Traffic is already an issue, residents affected by illegal parking and obstruction, with people parking where they shouldn't on yellow lines. This would increase the congestion further. Promises to manage the current traffic better have failed, so this would make it even worse, in fact impossible.

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> Toxic emissions would also intensify, NO2 levels are already twice the legal limit so this would take it to unliveable levels, a terrible place to choose for this project.

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> In the past residents complained about disturbance, until after midnight, car door slamming, engines revving, lack of consideration for people sleeping.

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> Since 2017, the use of the Hippodrome has broken planning control, so it is clear they cannot be controlled no matter what restrictions and conditions are set. The problem will certainly then worsen.

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> I implore you to take the necessary action to object to this monstrous project that is totally out of place here in the Golders Green Village where families set up homes for a good quality of life.

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> Kind regards,



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**Subject:** Re: Application Ref No. 20 / 2988 / FUL

Hi,

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On 21 Feb 2021, at 09:56, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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> [REDACTED]

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> Please provide your full home address in order to be 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: 18 February 2021 17:55

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

> Subject: Application Ref No. 20 / 2988 / FUL

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> Hi,

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> Application Ref No. 20 / 2988 / FUL- Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7RP


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> There is a new planning application for this site to become a Mega Mosque, this is my objection.

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> The local amenity, quality of life in the area and road traffic safety will all be affected resulting in increased congestion, air pollution, noise pollution and general disturbance.



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- > The Mosque will dominate the areas and be totally out of character. It will be twice the size of Finsbury Park Mosque and comparable to Regents Park Mosque. It is being prompted to be one of the largest Islamic centres in Europe.
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- > The historic site, grade II listed is an arts and performance space for all, not just one part of the community. The planning is to get rid of concerts, conferences, drama and dance. It will irreversibly harm its artistic heritage, local character and people's amenities.
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- > It is proposed to hold over 3000 seats, plus standing room. It will attract people from all over the UK and EU. Opening hours to 11.30 pm would also force more people to drive home. Traffic is already an issue, residents affected by illegal parking and obstruction, with people parking where they shouldn't on yellow lines. This would increase the congestion further. Promises to manage the current traffic better have failed, so this would make it even worse, in fact impossible.
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- > Toxic emissions would also intensify, NO2 levels are already twice the legal limit so this would take it to unliveable levels, a terrible place to choose for this project.
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- > In the past residents complained about disturbance, until after midnight, car door slamming, engines revving, lack of consideration for people sleeping.
- > In 2007 planning conditions were imposed for this reason, to protect the amenities of the area. The Mosque would not be able to enforce these with high holidays like Ramadan and Muharram, with an opening time to 11.30 pm, inevitably this will go on longer than this.
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- > Since 2017, the use of the Hippodrome has broken planning control, so it is clear they cannot be controlled no matter what restrictions and conditions are set. The problem will certainly then worsen.
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- > I deeply object and request you throw out this application.
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**Sent:** Sun, 21 Feb 2021 14:48:21 +0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED] KTS [REDACTED]

> On 21 Feb 2021, at 08:32, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:  
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> Please provide your full home address so your comments could be logged.  
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> Thank you  
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> Kind regards  
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> Yasmeen Khan  
> Planning Technician  
> Planning and Building Control  
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> Sent: 18 February 2021 14:59  
> To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
> Subject: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP  
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> Application reference number: 20/2988/FUL Site Address: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP.  
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> Below are my points due which I object to the conversion of Golden Green Hippodrome into a mosque.  
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> 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.

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> 2. Congestion and Parking:

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

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> Best Regards

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 20:51:44 +0000 (UTC)

**To:Planning Consultation**

**Subject:reference: 20/2988/FUL - Golders Green hippodrome NW11 7RP**

Dear Sir

Your reference: **20/2988/FUL - Golders Green hippodrome NW11 7RP**

I write to support the application to convert the above premises into a mosque.

It would be of great help to people living locally, as there are no such facilities now.

Faithfully yours

NW11

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 21:27:11 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Dear Sir Your reference: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

On Fri, 19 Feb 2021 at 15:13, Planning Consultation  
<[Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Could you please provide your property number in order to be able to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

**Yasmeen Khan**

**Planning Technician**

**Planning and Building Control**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 February 2021 15:52  
**To:** Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Dear Sir Your reference: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir

Re: Golder's Green Hippodrome NW117RP

I write to support the use of the Golder's Green Hippodrome as a mosque.

There are no mosques in the area. We as residents have to go to either West Hendon or North Finchley, which had long queues (pre-pandemic) just to get in not to mention the need to travel whereas, most other communities in the ward have their places of worship

local. Therefore, a mosque in Golder's green ward is long overdue. This use of the Hippodrome as a mosque will also contribute to less need to travel by automotive, which contributes to the government's climate change reversing or environment agenda.

The leaflet we received talked about issues with parking and noise. I don't subscribe to those fears because the area has controlled or restricted parking and is already noisy because Golder Green station is a major coach and bus hub as well as, a tube station. Therefore, the concerns around parking and noise are unfounded.

I hope the council will approve this use for the building that has found no other uses over the years.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11

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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 22:39:18 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Hippodrome NW11

Dear Yasmeen Khan,

As requested, here's my address:

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]

I do not wish my name or contact details made public.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

> On 20 Feb 2021, at 08:36, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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> [REDACTED]

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

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> Thank you

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> Kind regards

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]

> Sent: 17 February 2021 16:47

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

> Subject: Hippodrome NW11

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> To the council,

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> The reasons stated by the opposition against the hippodrome's conversion to a mosque seem valid on the surface level. However, I don't know if the opposition is due to some other reasons too. I need more clarity.

>

> In our area NW11, there are some beautiful churches in the suburb and on and off the Golders Green road and Finchley Road too, not far from the Hippodrome. We also have many synagogues in the area. And a Hindu temple, again in close proximity of the Hippodrome.

>

> Do these not cause any of the problems that are being pointed out by those opposing it. Such as congestion, lack of respect for the residents, shortage of parking places, etc.

>

> We also see the erection of the menorah and Christmas displays in the heart of Golders Green, which is very welcome. But I wonder why is there no display on a Muslim festival. Are these not the three major monotheistic religions of the world?

>

> Considering all the above, I need more clarity as to who is objecting. There's no name of the group who put the leaflet through our door.

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> This is not my vote in favour or against.

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> Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Feb 2021 17:05:45 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Your reference: 20/2988/FUL  
Attachments: scan\_20210221\_0001(0).pdf

Dear Sir

**Subject:** Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

I had the attached leaflet delivered to me by two men wearing a photo badge saying the attached was a council sponsored campaign in support of the neighbourhood campaign to stop the use of the above premises as a mosque.

The attached leaflet strongly opposes a planning application of the above property for use as a mosque.

If this was indeed a council sponsored campaign, as claimed, then I found it very disturbing that people who oppose a planning application are also sitting in judgement over it posing as a neutral third party (entity).

I would be grateful to know what connection the London Borough of Barnet acting through any of its operatives and councillors have with the attached campaign against this mosque - Thanks

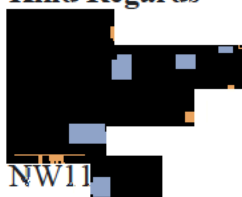
My reason for writing are two namely,

1. I was shocked to hear of any association between the local authority and this campaign hence, would simply like the council to either **confirm or deny** any association with the attached leaflet that appears to have gone to many households on my road
2. **I am also writing to express my full support for the proposal to convert the Golders Green Hippodrome into a mosque because there are no mosques from Hampstead, Golders Green, Central Hendon to Mill Hill and beyond to Totteridge that i know of, which the Moslem community from these areas can use as their own community centre. Hence, there is an acute need for one and what better facility than the Hippodrome given its size and location that is well served by established transport links. It would be wrong of the local authority to reject this application based on representations from the majority community because democracy just does not mean majority rule. Democracy also means rule of law and protection of minority rights**

I hope this council will take account of what I have stated here in support of this mosque.



**Kind Regards**



# 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: The Markaz has been operating from the site for over three years and has caused no problems. It is a worthwhile organisation that benefits the community and should be allowed to continue.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 22:43:58 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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Best Regards

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**From** [REDACTED]

**Sent:**Thu, 18 Feb 2021 01:11:11 +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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Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:26:44 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW9

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, 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,

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

[REDACTED]  
MK43 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:26:50 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
W3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

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

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
N12 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Dear Barnet Council

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
N12 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
N20 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]  
E2 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as an individual who is part of the Finchley Progressive Synagogue community, that I fully support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

Barnet must continue to be a place for many different religious communities. The Markaz community originate from Iraq, and many were forced to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet.

It is utterly unacceptable that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" is trying to deny the Markaz community, use of a building.

I stand against hate in all its forms.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:21 +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 PRS community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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I consider the stalling of planning permission to be contrary to section 10 of the Equality Act 2010 as it is direct discrimination on the bases of religion. The previous Christian residents did not face the same ill treatment.

Barnet Council has a public sector Equality duty (s.149) to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not. Please use this as an opportunity to educate Islamophobic residents.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:24 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
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[REDACTED]  
N20 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N7 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to support this application for planning permission.

Barnet is a borough of many faiths. In fact, I think of Barnet as The Borough of Faiths. So many people of faith live in Barnet - a higher proportion than in most London boroughs. It's something for Barnet to be proud of. We enjoy positive relationships with each other and strong community cohesion.

Unfortunately, the consultation about planning application by the Markaz has been undermined by the involvement of an organised and co-ordinated campaign of Islamophobic hate involving the self-styled 'Mosque-buster' [REDACTED] encourages people to resist the granting of planning applications to any Muslim institution and promotes the use of strategies like complaints about parking - hate masquerading as a concern about local amenities. Of course there are people who have legitimate concerns about parking - but there are also lots of people expressing concern about parking [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It cannot be acceptable for the outcome to be a Muslim community driven out of Golders Green.

The Markaz will use the building in exactly the same way as the previous occupants, El-Shaddai church. This should be an incredibly straightforward application - there is no substantive change of use and no work to be done on the building at all. The Hippodrome is a listed historic landmark building at the heart of Golders Green. It is unimaginable that any future use of the building - especially any use which prioritises ongoing performance - will not involve large numbers of people travelling to attend. It is exceptionally well-placed for access by public transport - literally next door to a tube station and a bus station. The Markaz has drawn up a comprehensive travel plan. It would be absurd to block permission for use of the building on the basis that if people use the building then at times large numbers of them will travel to it. The alternative is for the Hippodrome to become an abandoned shell and to fall entirely into disuse and disrepair.

I am particularly appalled by attempts to suggest that there is some difficulty about a Muslim institution being established in an area with a large number of Jews or that Jewish opinion is opposed to the presence of the Markaz. This is quite frankly an anti-Semitic slur against the Jewish community. There may be individual Jews who are racists, just as there are individuals of all faiths and ethnicities who are racists, but their views are not representative of the mainstream of Jewish opinion. The Markaz has occupied another building not far away without any concern about inter-communal relationships for many years. The organised Jewish community - the Board of Deputies, local synagogues, and many other communal institutions have come out in strong support of the Markaz. The Community Security Trust has made it clear that they don't think there is any difficulty about the Markaz being in this location. The Jewish community has a very strong interest in standing up for the right of minority religious communities to assemble and meet together and to worship without discrimination and without fear.

The Markaz have had a presence in Barnet for decades. They are our neighbours. Their applicaiton is a simple one: to be able to use the building in the same way and for the same purposes as the previous owners and occupants. Please grant this request.

Yours sincerely,

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NW10 [REDACTED]  
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Dear Barnet Council

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:43 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:46 +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: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:48 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
E10 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as [REDACTED], a registered UK charity that works across London, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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I'm 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.

Yours sincerely,

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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:55 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:27:59 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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EC1A [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:28:01 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
PAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:28:05 +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 am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and a member of NNLS community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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

Dear Barnet Council

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

I have been a resident in Barnet for 50+ years where I have lived within 5 minutes walking distance from the Hippodrome. I am writing to inform you that I wish to support the planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz and their commitment to the creative use and preservation of the Hippodrome building.

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 horrified but not surprised that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose the use of a building. It is evident that this professional man has been seduced by the perceived power in attracting the attention of the hateful minority who are clearly so threatened by those who do not share their views.

It is to the credit of Barnet council that in the past they have supported different religious communities in the borough and I trust that on this occasion, they will not continue to do so and no longer delay the resolution of this application.

I am aware of the concerns about additional parking in surrounding roads including my own. However, I trust and appreciate the thought and commitment invested by Markaz in a travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz. I am delighted that it is proposed that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used creatively as it was previously by a Christian community. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

With the majority of Barnet residents, including Barnet Council, I stand against hate in all its forms.

Yours sincerely,



From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:28:14 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
SL1 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:28:24 +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 am writing as a Barnet resident and citizen, and as Superintendent Minister of the Barnet & Queensbury Methodist Circuit, to support the application for planning permission made by our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is a place where many different religious communities find a home and work together. As you know, the Markaz community originates from Iraq, and many had to flee as refugees from Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet. I am troubled that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building in Golders Green, and that what should have been a straightforward application seems to have become caught up in inexplicable planning delays. I appreciate the travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and I am delighted 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: Andrew Gellert  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 07:28:28 +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 Alyth Synagogue community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

My family were Holocaust survivors and Britain saved my parents' lives and that is why I exist. It is a very British value to welcome the stranger and show kindness and compassion. That is also a Jewish value I cherish. Please show love and tolerance to our neighbours and allow them to thrive in peace and in the knowledge that they are respected and admired.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Planning and Building Control Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Site: Hippodrome NW11 7RP

Appeal against" Use of land as a Place of Worship, not comprising use as a church, to hold, concerts, conferences, drama and dance festivals in breach of condition 2 of, planning permission ref: C00222W/07, granted 9/5/2007.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I did make an objection previously in 2017 and I want to object to the planning application lodged for the following reasons:

My observation of the traffic levels on several occasions just after the new owners took control of the building was absolutely horrific. Cars/ People carriers parked anywhere and everywhere creating mayhem in and around Central Golders Green. Even stretching to the surrounding roads where I live. i.e. Hampstead Way, Wildwood Road which gives access across the heath to the Hippodrome.

We have all seen advertising for this group, and believe that the new planning application does not prevent people /vehicles from all over London coming to this place of worship which they freely advertise holds 2000 people. Encouraging more vehicles into the area is non sensical, previously the El Shaddai were a small number of local people who did not impact on the area at all.

We see Ambulances several times daily using the main North End Road to the Royal Free Hospital, not having access could have severe consequences.

The Hippodrome is a prominent building with distinctive character which is threatened by the expansion of its originally agreed usage.

The current proposal from the new owners could significantly exclude a majority of the Golders Green Residents.

[REDACTED]



Planning

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Ave,

Collindale, London NW9 4EW

NW11

15/02/2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Application 20/2988/FUL Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Site, The Hippodrome, North End Rd, London. NW11 7RP.

I object to this Application for Change of Use to Place of Worship (D1) for many reasons which I list below.

1. This Change of Use has already been rejected but has apparently not been complied with.
2. The suggestion of ancillary community uses is somewhat unlikely as no mention of which public is being referred to.
3. The increased traffic that will be caused by the Change of Use will result in 'Grid Lock' at this busy intersection. There is already a Bus Station, Underground Station, Airport Bus Terminus and Taxi Rank next to the Hippodrome site so that at certain times complete chaos could ensue.
4. Loss of amenities for local residents i.e. noise, pollution, obstruction to access.

I therefore request that the Planning Committee reject this Application

Yours sincerely



16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 20/2988 /FUL Golders Green  
Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

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

Dear Officers,

I sincerely hope, that you will take this plea sincerely from someone who has resided here in NW11 in a peaceful and contented surrounding with values that concerns not only myself but my entire neighbourhood.

We have appreciated and worked towards a cohesive society, where a unified and respectful culture enriched our lives for a long time. Surprisingly, you propose to consider the Hippodrome to be serving no longer a cultural centre that was and hopefully will continue to serve the wider community. That is the most important theme we value. Togetherness enjoying learning, music, drama and speakers from different backgrounds. TO LIVE IN PEACE, TO LEARN AND ENJOY WHAT SO MANY BOROUGHES OFFER THEIR POPULATION.

Please, we are not in favour of having a religious centre in that location, where it would be divisive.

I realise that the owner wants a good return, but we view this place a perfect example for the council to place the importance on the wider community.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature] NW11 [Redacted]



  
NW11 

London Borough of Barnet  
Planning  
2 Bristol Avenue  
Collingdale  
London NW9 4EW

17 February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Application Ref No: 20/2988/FUL**

**Address: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP**

The above Application relates to a new planning application to turn the Golders Green Hippodrome into a mosque.

I write to register my objection to such a scheme due to the following reasons:

- 1) The Hippodrome with a 3,000 seating capacity plus standing room would attract heavy traffic. It has only a small car park and the overflow will have to park in the Residential Areas depriving local residents with off street parking permits of their parking spaces. Having to park further away can be a real nuisance espically when you have food shopping of things to carry.
- 2) The increase in traffic will have an adverse impact on the daily traffic flow causing severe congestions and tail backs along Finchley Road, Hendon Way, North End Road and down on to Hampstead and Swiss Cottage.
- 3) The lives of the local residents will be affected by the vast influx of worshippers, increase pollution and noise.
- 4) Most mosques have this practice "Call to prayers" 5 times a day. I am not sure whether such practice is permitted here. If so the constant disturbance will be unbearable.
- 5) Due to the above, properties will be unfavourable affected as well.

I sincerely hope my reasons for objecting the Hippordrome becoming a mosque will be take on board when deciding on the planning application.

Yours Faithfully  




Planning, London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Ave, Collindale, London NW9 4EW

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

16/02/2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990      Application 20/2988/FUL

Site. The Hippodrome, North End Rd, London NW11 7RP.

I oppose this proposed Change of Use to D1 Place of Worship because this Grade 2 Listed Building should be used as a secular community centre.

This proposed Change of Use would be totally out of character with the area and not improve local amenities but seriously detract from them. There would be vastly increased noise and traffic at all hours of the day and night.

It seems to me that this overlap of Proposals could be construed as a way of confusing the issue.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 10:56:28 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: 20/2988/FUL

RE 20/2988/FUL  
Golders Green Hippodrome

I live at [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] and am writing to oppose the above application for the Hippodrome to be used as a place of worship.

My reasons are:

The area is a residential area and already suffers from severe congestion and parking problems. Having large numbers of people coming into the area will exacerbate this problem further.

Noise: and disturbance

The proposed use of the Hippodrome will cause lots of extra noise late at night when residents want to sleep

Please act with some feeling for the residents who Barnet "puts first" and uphold the rights of those who pay council taxes

I look forward to hearing your response

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 12:44:36 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express my strong objection to this project which is totally out of character and is likely to dominate the area. On Fridays it will impact on local amenities, road traffic safety, increased pollution and possible frictions with the local population. There are no suitable parking facilities in the area which means that either there will be a lot of illegal parking or Golders Green tube/bus stations will be overwhelmed. Residents' life close to the mosque will be unbearable.

I feel that a much more suitable solution to this issue is opening a mosque in the abandoned building of Toys R' Us in Brent Cross where there are ample public transport facilities, no private houses in the area and ample parking facilities.

I have been residing with my family in the area since 1978 and I would like to continue living here peacefully.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon, 22 Feb 2021 14:01:32 -0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** application ref 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/Madame,

In regards to the application to convert the BBC Hippodrome Golders Green into a very large Mosque, I strongly object to this idea.

It will cause numerous problems for the area. Parking, traffic and noise just to name a few. The transport system which is extremely congested would not cope.

Please reconsider.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 15:05:22 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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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 the Markaz.

Yours sincerely,

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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 15:05:31 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N2 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 15:44:17 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Mosque in golders green hippodrome

[REDACTED]  
N13  
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 22 Feb 2021 at 15:41, Planning Consultation  
<[Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:  
Good afternoon,

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

Kind regards  
Dan Smith  
Technician - Building Control, Planning and Street Naming & Numbering  
Development and Regulatory Services  
London Borough of Barnet | 7th Floor, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW  
Tel: 020 8359 3000  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 19 February 2021 06:38  
To: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Mosque in golders green hippodrome

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly object the building of mosque in Golders Green

There are numerous mosques in London  
And we are against any more mosques in London



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[REDACTED]

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HA5 [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [Planning Consultation](#)  
Sent: 22 February 2021 08:12  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Objection to Application 20/2988/FUL. Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]

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  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 18 February 2021 19:07  
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:

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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Dear Sir/madam

**RE Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP ref: 20/2988/FUL**

I understand that the current owners of the HIPPODROME would like to request permanent permission to use the Golders Green Hippodrome as a mosque.

I would like to object most strongly to this change of use of this grade 2 listed building, which was set up as a building OPEN TO ALL for artistic performances or displays.

Furthermore as you are well aware there is an enormous problem with parking in the area, so close to Golders Green Station. At present it is extremely difficult to access any of the shops or facilities along North End Road because it is impossible to find a parking space. IF a mosque would be permitted then parking IN THE WHOLE OF GOLDERS GREEN would cause tension with residents unable to park or to access their driveways. This might also result in people, unable to shop in the area, going instead to Brent Cross or further afield.

This would inevitably lead to shop closures and the loss of revenue to Barnet and to the death of the □high Street□ as in many other areas.

A further consideration is noise and congestion near the station at unsocial hours. This would result in a drastic change to the pleasant atmosphere and feelings of safety in this part of London; a situation viewed with alarm and concern by many young and elderly people in the borough.

I speak on behalf of very many people who have lived in this area. I myself was born in this area during the war and I have remained here because it is tranquil, safe and pleasant.

Please do not allow this request .

Yours sincerely

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As a resident of Golders Green for over 40 years, I strongly object to the possibility of the Hippodrome turning into a Mosque. Such a change would have a very adverse effect on local residents, it would considerably increase traffic and noise and would be very disturbing

Please take note of the feelings of local people

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