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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: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My concern with this application stems from the congestion and noise disturbance that the mosque will undoubtedly bring to the area. Parking in Golders Green is already a near impossible feat and congregants regularly attending prayer will only aggravate the situation. This will negatively impact shops, cafes and local residents. I am of course aware that planning conditions can be set down to limit hours of worship and so ensure parking and noise problems are kept to a minimum but in practice practitioners rarely observe them. (Anecdotal evidence suggests the site has been unlawfully used since 2017 and that certainly rings true.) The danger before us then is that unless rigorously managed - which itself is highly doubtful - the site will cause negative knock on effects for the local community.

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Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I believe turning the Hippodrome into a Mega Mosque is not beneficial for the area.

It will bring a lot of traffic to this area, where congestion is already a problem, there's not enough parking available, and the levels of toxic emissions will definitely rise.

It will cause a lot of disturbance in the neighborhood and if it's approved, it will get rid of concerts, conferences and other events related to arts and performance. This space had had artistic heritage and it should continue to contribute to this heritage now and in the future. Many beloved and listed buildings were already made inactive or converted and it would be a shame if that would have to happen to this Grade II listed building.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Please do not disturb this community neighborhood and beautiful heritage building that should be used by local community and wider public to enjoy. Converting it to serve a religion is unacceptable to the public purpose it was designed for and should cater. The proposal is not in keeping with the surrounding character and its use to attract attention from outside of the locality will cause environmental damage by pollution, congestion and noise. I strongly object to the planning proposal and hope that an inclusive environment be obtained.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The magnitude of these proposals are incomprehensible given the deleterious impact they would have on the area. The building has a long history of serving all members of the community and any successful application would irreversibly damage the building's character. The impact on traffic, parking, noise, emissions and general congestion would be intolerable alongside the inevitable late night disturbances.

The planning application should be rejected.



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The loss of this building listed as "a rare example of a surviving suburban theatre, largely intact", for public theatre use is truly worrying.

The Hippodrome was built by renowned theatre architect Bertie Crewe in 1913 as a 3,000-seater musical venue.

It has staged performances and live concerts by legends including Danny La Rue and Marlene Dietrich.

Golders Green broadcaster and oral historian Alan Dein believes this is a key opportunity for the Hippodrome to fulfil its potential and become a "significant arts and cultural complex" once again.

Mr Dein described how after the Hippodrome was built in 1913, it "served up an incredible range of pre and post West End shows, opera, musicals, pantomimes, jazz bands, ballet and even Rock and Roll".

Mr Dein added: "The likes of Radio 2's 'Friday Night is Music Night' broadcast to the whole nation became part of Golders Green legend!"

The Hippodrome was sold to the evangelical El Shaddai International Christian Centre in 2007 they received permission to use the building as a church, subject to conditions.

Condition 3 of the 2007 planning permission positively required that the Hippodrome hold a large number of performances and entertainments each week and month. These were set out at page 6 of the 2007 Planning Officer's Report, as including:

Weekly (either once a week or every day depending on activity)

- dance classes for children and youth; 3. drama groups;
- instrument tuition;
- single tuition;
- children's and youth choir;

Special Events (Held Approx once a month)

- Music concerts with visiting musicians;
- Pantomimes;
- drama performances held for children, including puppet shows, visiting theatrical groups etc.

There will also be activities for adults. These include Monthly

- Concerts by visiting musicians/bands and orchestras;
- Theatrical performances (how inclusive, diverse, open and trans

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This iconic Grade II listed building which is central to Golders Green and the Hampstead Garden Suburb conservation area should be for the benefit of all communities in the area. It was originally a place of entertainment available to all, and its role should continue as an arts and performance space for everyone. To limit it to a place of worship, deprives the wider community of a very valuable and versatile asset which is at the very physical centre of this neighbourhood.

Further, as a place of worship this would cause problems with traffic, parking and congestion which would only add to the already overstretched use of the roads in and around this building, since there would be services at specific times which would create pressure points in this area. If this building were to be allowed to be a place of worship, the numbers visiting would stretch the public amenities available for the benefit of those living locally and the wider community wishing to access these facilities.

It has always been a tenet of this area that its integrity is maintained and that the amenities are safeguarded. This very important site should be a community asset which can be for the benefit of everyone, which does not disturb the special balance of diversity and activity in a key location.

In view of all of the above, I consider that the Hippodrome will not be an appropriate site for the mosque or indeed any place of worship and ask that the Council reject this new application.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I totally object to Planning being granted at this site.

This building is completely out of character with the surrounding neighbourhood. This building, that was formerly used by the BBC, is an arts and performance space to be used by everyone, not just one part of the community. It will irreversibly harm the building's artistic heritage and local character.

It would attract a great many cars from across the UK and increase the pollution many times over, which is detrimental to the environment.

It would also cause traffic congestion. There would be constant disturbance late into the night.

All in all, I do not think that planning permission should be granted.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have no objection to the Golders Green Hippodrome being used as a mosque, but think the size should be limited to under 200 people as the area would be overwhelmed with parking etc. should there be a larger congregation.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have no objection to the hippodrome being turned into a place of worship for whichever religion purchases the site. However I am concerned about the impact on the local environment. Whenever services have been held at the hippodrome a large number of people have attended in their cars. Local roads have become clogged and cars regularly park illegally on my property. The site is well served by local transport facilities but they are not used. I suggest that local parking restrictions are extended to 12am on service days. In addition cars parked illegally or blocking driveways should be towed.

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 20:45:36 -0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: 20/2988/FUL  
Importance: Normal

**Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP**  
<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/>  
Sir/Madam

As a resident in the Hampstead Garden Suburb for over 60 years I take strong objection for the Hippodrome to be used as 'The largest Islamic Centre in Europe'. This is a residential area as well as a Conservation one. It is quite unsuitable and I expect the Council to refuse the application. This email is short but nevertheless I feel as strongly as your many page objections that are being lodged.

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tue, 16 Feb 2021 07:58:09 +0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** Re: 20/2988/FUL Mega mosque

[REDACTED] Nw7 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
On 16 Feb 2021, at 07:41, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

□  
[REDACTED]

Could you also provide your door number please.

Many thanks

Kind regards

**Yasmeen Khan**

**Planning Technician**

**Planning and Building Control**

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: 11 February 2021 10:11

To: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>

Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL Mega mosque

[REDACTED] Nw7 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  

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From: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:00:04 AM

[REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL Mega mosque

[REDACTED]  
Please provide your full home address in order to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

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-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]

Sent: 08 February 2021 16:17

To: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>

Subject: 20/2988/FUL Mega mosque

Hello once again we object as it is not needed there are only 12% Muslim in Golders They already have in Hendon crucklewood and Brent many mosques The hippodrome should be a leisure cebtre or flats for the homeless thanks we had over 6000 signatures 2 years ago so why do the council pursue this issue Just say No to the Shia funded mosque Too much traffic in the area as well

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tue, 16 Feb 2021 08:34:37 -0000

**To:** Planning Consultation

**Subject:** FW: The hippodrome

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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

**Sent:** 16 February 2021 08:27

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: The hippodrome

[REDACTED]

We require 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: 12 February 2021 14:08

To: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>

Subject: The hippodrome

The application for the new use of the Hippodrome fills me with despair! That area is already congested and even dangerous crossing the road. People mill around the station forecourt which is always busy with buses and people using the underground. Streets are congested by parked cars and it is no longer safe for teenagers to meet and mingle. The thought of even more congestion, pollution, noise and inconvenience coming because of permission given for all the events stated is simply horrific and would cause even more frustration and unpleasantness.

I hope you see the wisdom in not granting permission for this request.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tue, 16 Feb 2021 09:28:21 -0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** RE: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

Dear Ms Khan

Thank you for your assurance that my address will not be published and will not be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (I have no concerns about my name and comments being published). My address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 February 2021 08:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

This is to let you know that all the comments including your personal information will be kept sensitive. However, under Freedom of Information although your comments could be revealed, but your name and address will be still kept sensitive.

Thank you

Kind regards

**Yasmeen Khan**

**Planning Technician**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 11 February 2021 18:55

**To:** Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL





Thank you for your email. I'm only willing to provide my door number if it won't be published, because I am concerned about threats from those opposing the planning application. Can you confirm that it won't be published?

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 11 February 2021 18:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

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

Thank you

Kind regards

**Dan Smith**

**Technician** □ **Building Control, Planning and Street Naming & Numbering**

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 11 February 2021 09:39  
To: Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

To the Barnet Council Planning Committee

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

My name is [REDACTED], and I live in [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]. I'm writing to let you know, [REDACTED], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz. [REDACTED] I found my Muslim friends to be extremely considerate neighbours and a very friendly presence in the area. I would also note that, [REDACTED], I would park my car in permit-holders' spaces on West Heath Drive, and never found it to be too congested to park, so the transport objections to the Markaz centre seem overblown.

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 that a bigoted agitator who calls himself the 'Mosque Buster' has been mobilised by a group of residents to oppose the Markaz. I stand against hate in all its forms. I am 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 faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

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**To: Planning Consultation**

**Subject:RE: 20/2988/FUL objection**

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On Tuesday, 16 Feb, 21 At 08:10, Planning Consultation<Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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Thank you

Kind regards

**Yasmeen Khan**

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**Sent:** 11 February 2021 14:16  
**To:** Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 20/2988/FUL objection

sir,

Objection on grounds of:  
will cause traffic jam right by yhe local bus station  
pavement blocking after mid day prayers  
no car parking available at all.

[REDACTED]

There are already such prayer places in west hendon NW4, off the edgeware road A5.  
another prayer hall already in high road north finchley N12 before the woodhouse road N  
12 traffic lights junction

 N3

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 10:56:21 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Barnet Council,

I hereby wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed plan to turn the Golders Green Hippodrome into a Mosque.

The Golders Green Hippodrome is a much loved Grade II listed building and an arts and performance space for all, not for just one part of the community.

The proposed large mosque would dominate the Golders Green and Hampstead Conservation Areas and be completely out of character with the surrounding community. Traffic, congestion, parking and pollution is already a serious problem in the area.

This application is controversial and the Council should refuse it so that it can be joined with the current Appeal, to be settled by the Planning Inspectorate.

Your Sincerely,

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 11:05:21 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

To whom it may concern,

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

I am shocked by the aggressive discriminatory postal campaign has been launched by a bad faith actor opposed to transforming this building into a place of worship.

The arguments they make seem to be nothing more than thinly veiled Islamophobia, I do not believe a mosque could contribute more noise or vehicle pollution from when this building was a concert venue, to suggest so is ludicrous. The complaints this targeted campaign have are about issues that already occurred in the past, when it was a concert venue, not the proposed use they are fighting against. Yes, a building that is not derelict will always cause the area to be busier, that is not an argument to keep it standing empty and unused.

I [REDACTED] feel Golders Green benefits from the presence of many different religious groups. To add another place of worship can only be of benefit to the local community, as the congregations support the area in many social, environmental and financial ways.

Please do not give in to this discriminatory campaign, I am saddened to receive such an intolerant campaign in the post. As a local resident I am completely in support of transforming a disused building into one that brings joy, and serves the spiritual needs of our community.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Tue, 16 Feb 2021 11:11:25 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

**Subject:**20/2988/FUL

Dear sir,

This is in relation to the Application Reference 20/2988/FUL

Golders Green Hippodrome,

London NW11 7RP

I object to this application

1. A mosque in the Golders Green would be out of character (artistically, socially and culturally) for this conservation area
2. It would draw wide crowds from other parts of London, changing its character completely
3. It would not be an inclusive use of a social arts and performance space
4. It would draw enormous numbers of cars at certain times of day, and the area is already crumbling due to parking demand. The associated emissions would significantly degrade air quality in the area

I would strongly request you to reject this application.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 12:03:40 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW2 [REDACTED]

On Tue, Feb 16, 2021 at 8:28 AM Planning Consultation  
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It is to let you know that your name/address and comments will be kept sensitive.

Thank you

Kind regards

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**Sent:** 12 February 2021 15:00  
**To:** Planning Consultation <[Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Message of support for consultation 20/2988/FUL

To the Barnet Council Planning Committee

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

My name is [REDACTED] and I live near the Barnet border [REDACTED]. I'm writing to let you know, [REDACTED], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am proud that Barnet is a place for many different religious communities [REDACTED], we have supported our friends the Somali Bravanese to regain a building, and we are proud to stand with the Markaz too. 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 calls himself the 'Mosque Buster' has been hired by a group of residents to oppose the Markaz. 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 my support for the planning application.

Yours



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□Re ; location - Golders Green Hippodrome , london NW11 7RP ;

Dear Barnet

I am outraged at the proposal to build a place of worship in Golders Green and Hampstead Conservation area. There are three issues of concern ;

Firstly the site is a grade 2 listed property intentioned for all our community to enjoy concerts and the arts for the entire community not a place of worship for one faith excluding all others.

Secondly, this will further disrupt rather than solve our major congestion problem; parking will become exponentially worse; our environment would be threatened by toxic emissions at a time when we are attempting as a nation to become compliant with the Paris accord.

Thirdly noise and constant disturbance were restricted by planning standards set in 2007 ; the mosque has violated these standards including opening and closing hours especially during the high holidays of Ramadan and Muharram;) I am outraged thst since 2017 , the violations of 2007 have risen exponentially.

Obviously based on the above three violations I oppose planning approval. I furthermore oppose use of the art centre as a place of worship for any faith ;)

Sincerely

NW11

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 15:22:26 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Re: Planning Application no: 20/2988/FUL

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my opposition to the application for the Golders Green Hippodrome, North End Road, London NW11 7RP to be used as a place of worship.

Prior to Covid (within the last 2 years), the Hippodrome was used as a community centre and at the time of a religious festival this caused an excessive amount of traffic and associated pollution throughout the surrounding roads. As a resident [REDACTED] (NW11 [REDACTED]) this made it increasingly challenging to come in and out of my own driveway at any time of day but especially in the evenings when non-residents parking is allowed on the street. If planning was approved for this conversion to a place of workshop this would become a regular occurrence causing a significant amount of stress and frustration from all home owners in the surrounding streets. Given the already extensive parking restrictions on West Heath Drive it would also become challenging for any of the resident's visitors to be able to find a space on the road.

The corner of North End Road and West Heath Drive is already congested with many cars illegally parking for short periods of time to visit nearby shops. With additional volume of traffic in such close proximity to a nursery (located within the Church on West Heath Drive) this would make the road unbearably congested with traffic, increase the air pollution to possibly dangerous levels and be a significant hazard to the children and parents attending the nursery.

I also understand that a previous application for the same address to be converted to a synagogue was rejected so hope that for all the same reasons, this application will also be rejected.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 15:35:11 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: The Hippodrome NW11 7RP

To whom it may concern

We object to the Hippodrome being used for anything other than what it is used for now. It is a church which has certain opening and closing times. Needed in a residential area such as Golders Green. Which has a large amount of traffic including a bus depot next door. There is little parking in surrounding areas, mainly a few pay bays for local dentists and visiting the shops and perhaps Golders Hill Park visitors.

As a local resident to have a busier North End Road which already has 3 schools on is not being environmentally friendly. Extra pollution from cars and noise from extra visitors is clearly going to have an impact on our local community. Unsafe parking probably blocking drives and random parking on quiet residential roads such as Wellgarth Rd and Hampstead Way. Totally unwarranted.

The Hippodrome is a grade 2 listed building which should be respected and not be over crowded or over used due to allowing it to be a place of worship.

I have no problem with it staying as it is and respect those who use it with curtesy and respect to all neighbours in the area.

One thing we do not need in NW11 is visitors from far and wide. Our roads are busy enough and the pollution is already overloaded.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
NW11  
[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:33:53 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to tell you, as a Barnet Council resident [REDACTED], that I am very much in support of the planning application made by the Markaz. In fact I struggle to understand what reason there is to do anything other than pass this as a technicality. The El Shaddai church had planning permission for the same use and, in addition, had enormous concerts. It is hard to avoid drawing the conclusion that there is discrimination behind the different treatment of this religious group because they are Muslim.

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.  
[REDACTED]

The fact that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a (frankly rather shady and secretive) group to oppose their use of a building strikes me as very sinister and I hope that the Planning Committee will rise above partisan feelings and hatred and do the right thing, so that we can all hold our heads up high.

I stand against hate in all its forms. I feel that objections based on travel and parking are excuses for an underlying hatred. I know that the Markaz has submitted a detailed travel plan which explains how people will visit the building and that you have the power to adjust this. Their regular meetings do not involve masses of people however.

I am pleased that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence is once again being used and I have already visited the community there and been shown around. I look forward to many more interfaith activities.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:34:09 +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

I am writing to let you know [REDACTED] how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am so 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 that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. I stand against hate in all its forms. I appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, although I think local groups are over emphasising this as a problem to disguise their prejudice. I am so excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. I am shocked and disgusted that such a positive use of this space has taken so long to be approved.

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

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Dear Councillors - as a person living close to golders green and in barnet and frequently visiting the area - I object to the proposal. There are 2 reasons

1. This will create a lot of unwarranted noise and traffic pollution and disturbance to the local area. The large congregations will inevitably strain the local area and lead to a lot of mental health issues

2. This will become a super-spreader for COVID and potentially other infectious diseases. We need to move away from encouraging large congregations to more local, smaller groups - now and in the future.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: It is extremely distressful to see yet another application for the same objective of creating a mosque in Golders Green. I strongly OBJECT to this on many grounds notably:

- It will dominate the Golders Green Conservation Area and will be completely out of character.
- It will get rid of a key performance venue in the community and will destroy the building's artistic heritage, local character and people's amenities.
- The scale of the proposed development will create massive congestion problems in an already busy area.
- The toxic emissions will be intensified which will make the NO2 situation substantially worse with severe impact on our health and wellbeing.
- Disturbance after midnight will be a common theme, especially during the Moslem festivities of Ramadan and Muharram. Any promise to control that is totally fake and misleading as it is impossible to achieve in practice.

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Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I'm writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident 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're 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.

Please also accept this letter as a sign of my dismay and disgust at the reticence and delaying tactics of both Barnet council and the Planning committee in not granting this planning permission. The Markaz have done nothing wrong, their paperwork and traffic plan are clear and in order. As a member of Alyth Synagogue I never remember a time where the Council behaved so badly towards our community and it grieves me that a few narrow-minded, extremist views should be causing so much distress to fellow human beings.

Barnet Council, its councillors and committees would do well to take a long, hard look at themselves. As Jews we know what it is like to be the 'other', to have suspicion and hatred directed at us and to be drummed out of a city/country. The behaviour of Barnet Council and the planning committee does not sit well with me.

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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: I write regarding the proposed application to turn Golders Green Hippodrome into a mosque.

I objected to the first application, which I understand has not been decided. And I again object on the second application. Not quite why there is a second application if the first one is still outstanding and not decided upon.

I object on several grounds

The mosque will be larger than Finsbury Park and Regents Park. And yet the area is largely residential.

It will attract hundreds of people at all hours, with official hours to 23.30.

The noise of people and cars trying to park and slamming car doors at all hours will make it difficult for the local residents.

The parking will have to extend to Golders Green Road and will badly affect the shops in Golders Green, as their customers will not be able to park. Considering the difficult time that the shops have had with the Pandemic, they need their customers to have easy access to their shops, once the shops are able to be open. This mosque would in fact be the death of Golders Green High Road.

From what I understand, the use of the Hippodrome has broken planning control since 2017, and the use as a mosque would not be controlled by planning conditions.

I can think of many more reasons to object, Grade II building, arts and performance space etc, which will only be good for one part of the community not for the whole community.

I am certain, that should it be approved, the Council will be able to make lots of money from fines for parking etc. And will then charge local residents more to park outside their own homes.

THAT IS WHY THE COUNCIL IS OPEN TO THIS APPLICATION AS IT SEES IT AS A WAY OF INCREASING REVENUE TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SHOP KEEPERS.

PLEASE DO NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR SUCH A UNFAIR USE OF THE HIPPODROME - IT SHOULD BE USED FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY. I AM SURE WHEN IT WAS BUILT THE INTENTION WAS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO USE IT.



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## Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the planning application.

The proposed development is out of character with the classic building. I believe it is a listed building.

The planned use will add to congestion in an already very congested area next a centre for public transport; underground and bus station. It will create noise and air pollution.

There are no parking facilities in the area, an approval of the planning application would create a chaotic situation as regards traffic congestion and increase risks for motorists and pedestrians.

The building should be used for the whole community. If this application is approved, the building will be used only by a subset of the community.

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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:GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME LONDON NW11 7RP

1. COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER TO HAVE THE LARGEST ISLAMIC CENTRE IN THE CENTRE OF GOLDERS GREEN.
2. THE CONGESTION IT WILL,CAUSE WILL DESTROY THIS AREA.
3. THE DISTURBANCE THIS CENTRE WILL CAUSE IS HUGE AND CANNOT BE CONTROLLED WITH CONDITIONS OR ANY TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT.

ABSOLUTE DISASTER. WOULD YOU REALLY WANT TO LIVE NEXT TO A MOSQUE THAT CAN HOUSE 3000????

A MOSQUE OF THIS SIZE SHOULD BE IN THE COUNTRY SIDE WHERE THERE IS PLENTY OF SPACE AND PARKING AND YOU CAN WORSHIP WITHOUT INCONVENIENCING OTHERS.

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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: the planned mosque will dominate the area and be completely out of character  
the congestion and parking will be unbearable with already limited parking spaces in the direct area

it will increase dramatically the traffic load on an already busy intersection of Golders Green Road and Finchley Road in a busy Golders Green Table station

The disturbance to Golders Green will be enormous

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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: As residents of Golders Green/Hampstead area, my family and I pass by this property a number of times a week and do our shopping near the Golders Green station. We also use the Golders Green tube and the bus stop in front of this property on a regular basis. Converting this property into a mosque will not just change the character of the local neighbourhood on a permanent basis, but can also cause safety issues to women and children due to the mosque being open late at night and early hours of the morning. The traffic and parking in the Golders Green area is already a nightmare even at present and changing this property to a mosque will increase the traffic and lead to significant parking issues. I am strongly opposed to any plans to convert this property to a mosque.

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## 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 Fully support the application for the use stated. There seems no reason why the building cannot CONTINUE to be used as a place of worship and community centre, the only difference from the previous use is that it is a different faith.

I am disgusted at the leaflets pushed through letter boxes which some recipients assume are emanating from the Council, they are totally misleading in describing the project as a mosque the size of Regents Park. I think this should be considered a "scam".

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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: Building should be used for youngsters who have no place to go.

Also for elderly people.

Further education and entertainment for all.

The traffic situation in the area is heavy enough

This will cause absolute CHAOS.

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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: To have any sort of religious establishment which can hold 3000 people plus will cause chaos in the area.

There is already a lot of illegal parking around Golders Green and this will exacerbate the situation.

People pouring out of such an establishment late at night and with no tunes running will cause a massive noise nuisance as in car doors slamming and engines revving.

The Hippodrome has already been used since 2017 for religious services and the restrictions on opening hours have already been ignored.

I hope this application will be rejected for the above reasons

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## Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] NW3 [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I live within a short walk of the former Hippodrome Theatre. I support this application.

The proposed use is virtually identical to the former use of this old theatre as a place of worship by a Pentecostal Christian group. However this group is much smaller than the former users, and is likely to cause less disruption to the neighbourhood in terms of parking and traffic (and I note that they have proposed a comprehensive traffic plan).

Barnet is a diverse community that accommodates many different faith communities. The Markaz community originate from Iraq, with many having to flee as refugees under Saddam Hussein's regime. For thirty years they have peacefully met as a community in Barnet. I am shocked that a lawyer known as the 'Mosque Buster' has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building.



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## Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The Mosque will dominate the area and be completely out of character.

This is a Grade II listed building, with its Heritage in Arts and Performance space for all.

Parking is already a problem in the area and this will compound it, along with the additional Toxic emissions (North End Rd has two schools and a Nursery School. It also has Golders Hill Park and Hampstead Heath - access to all of these already puts pressure on limited parking spaces).

It is a residential area, so a building of this nature and use will generate disturbance.

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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: The existing building is a listed building which has historic significance, specifically for entertainment use, and should not be recognised as a place of worship which would change its protected usage completely.

In previous months when the building was "illegally" used as a place of worship the traffic in the surrounding roads was severely affected with cars double parking in front of driveways, complete disregard for local houses and individuals. There was food being distributed both inside and outside with several people congregating outside of the building.

North end road is a major (and only) thoroughfare for all emergency services, specifically ambulance services from the Royal Free hospital, which will be adversely affected with the additional congestion in both North end road and the various surrounding roads.

The planning application has not detailed the proposed layouts for usage and the building will lose its historic elements completely.

The area simply cannot support such a usage which will be used at all hours of the day and night will cause extreme disruption to the local area and the environment.

I strongly object to this application.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 17:41:10 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: 20/2988/FUL

I am writing to record my misgivings about this planning application 20/2988/FUL at Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP.

My worries are that instead of creating something that can be used for social and educational purposes for the local community youth and adult services, you are bringing into the area thousands of people many of whom will come by car and the local infrastructure is already struggling with parking facilities.

The mosque that you are planning to build is huge and out of proportion to the surrounding area. Cars would come from all around including the UK and Europe. The congestion would be dangerous due to the increased emissions which would result. We are already suffering with high toxic levels. This would increase the problem having health repercussions for all the residents.

Music and the arts are what the Hippodrome has been used for in the past and should be considered again. During Ramadan and Muharram there would be huge disturbances and noise going on until late at night.

Planning conditions were introduced in 2007 to counteract the problems of noise and disturbance to the residents. The use of the Hippodrome has broken planning control since 2017 so this is an important reason not to let the planning permission go through.

I do not want this planning permission to go through for the reasons I have given. The project is out of proportion to what the area can maintain.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon, 15 Feb 2021 20:14:36 +0000  
**To:** Planning Consultation  
**Subject:** Ref 20/29988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome

To whom it may concern at Barnet planning consultation

Re Application ref number 20/2988/FUL  
Golders Green hippodrome , London NW11 7 RP

I object to planning permission being granted for the reason that my husband is a blue badge holder, and when I take him to hospital appointments or chiropodist or dental appointments , even to go to the post office , bank etc there is already congestion and limited parking in the vicinity of the hippodrome , underground, bus station and shopping amenities .

This is a major route - and this planning application is simply unthinkable

In addition , toxic emissions would affect breathing in this area . The U.K. government is planning to reduce emissions .

Please please turn down this unfortunate plan . And any other that turns up in the future !  
We must conserve this area of excellent quiet living . We do not want over-development here in the heart of a conservation area .

We expect Barnet Councillors to safeguard us all, reduce polluted air that already affects this prestigious area .

This is a worse threat than Covid . Please please hear our plea. Turn down these woeful plans , and do not allow any developers to build in this area! Keep central Golders Green safe.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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: Golders Green and surroundings are a great example of a multi-cultural area whose members get along pretty well. But I see a distinction between a building serving a local community and a centre attracting visitors from all round London and beyond which could upset that fragile harmony. So a place of worship and/or Islamic Centre which serves more than the local community would almost certainly cause traffic disruption create parking problems and antagonise neighbours against the Muslim community.

The original use as a theatre did sometimes attract large numbers but that was at a time when car ownership was substantially less than it is now and free parking in neighbouring streets was feasible.

Given that the premises are unlikely ever again to be used as a theatre I would suggest the Council gives serious thought to allowing a residential development whilst preserving the outward appearance of the building.

# Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

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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:

Comment: I did make an objection to change of usage in 2017 and I want to support and reiterate my Objection 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.

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. [REDACTED].

The application to turn this into a 'Place of Worship' for this group intends to encourage residents from surrounding areas' to pray at all times of the day. Residents coming later in the evening to take part in prayers and eat free food means that vehicles will be required to transport people into Golders Green. Public transport will not be able to support the amount of people coming into the area.

Almost hourly each day we see Ambulances using the main North End Road to the Royal Free Hospital, this is an arterial road and 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 local community usage.

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

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Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have just been made aware of the application to convert the wonderful Hippodrome into a new place of worship for many hundreds/thousands of people. My objections are many having grown up in Golders Green and living not far away but primarily...

1. This is a grade 2 listed wonderful building that has a heritage protection and should be enjoyed by the many as an entertainment venue as it was originally intended.
2. The transport and parking to an already densely populated area with already limited parking opportunities will be completely unacceptable.
3. The congestion of people and traffic will destroy the atmosphere of a Golders Green.



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Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fear the project is too large for the area and if given the go-ahead will increase traffic and footfall in the area unsuitably. It is already difficult to find parking spaces, and adding ANY traffic will make a considerable difference to the area.

I live higher up North End Road and am very aware of how difficult it is for traffic between Golders Green and Hampstead.

As the venue is likely to be open late into the evening, visitors to the site will need to travel in private vehicles, rather than using public transport, in order to be able to get home after late events.

The additional traffic would have a polluting effect on the environment in the area.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a Grade II listed building and a great venue for performing arts. Losing this space will be a major loss for performing arts, concerts, conferences, drama and dance fraternity. To recreate a venue such as this one will take absolute ages and cost a fortune, so it's very important to preserve such heritage venues.

If this application is granted the area will suffer from congestion and parking issues.

Parking on yellow lines has been an on-going problem, and residents' lives have been badly affected by illegal parking and obstruction on roads. It will be impossible to maintain safe air quality in the area. Please don't forget the intensity of toxic emissions, where twice the legal limit for NO2 has already been reached. This is the worst place the applicants could have possibly chosen.

Residents are already reporting constant disturbance from vehicle traffic until late into the night with a total lack of consideration for people asleep.

The problem will only get worse if this planning permission goes through.

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 17:44:47 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Objection to Mosque

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned that the new owners of the Golders Green Hippodrome have submitted a new planning application to turn it into a mega super mosque.

It is alarming that they already have a new planning application whilst waiting for an appeal on the last one submitted.

Already Golders Green is a congested area with the bus station that's a hub and busy high street, by adding a mega mosque, the biggest in Europe will make living in this busy area intolerable.

Last year on the Muslim holidays, the traffic was unbearable, cars were even parked and blocking driveways in my road which is 0.5 miles away from the building.

The pollution from the cars will bring to this area is surely unacceptable, a building like this should not be able to function in this way in a busy area like Golders Green, surely it's better to keep an iconic historical landmark as it is and built a mega mosque with over 3000 seats and limited parking in a quieter area where there is ample space and parking. it's like moving a stadium to the high street with no parking.

Please could you consider my valid points.

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:15:17 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
WC1X [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as a member of Alyth community and a resident of Golders Green for many years, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:17:48 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: In Favour of Golders Green Hippodrome turn Into Mega Mosque

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] where as in area there is no mosque we are writing to let you know that we are FAVOUR of mega mosque to build so that we may continue our religious obligation easily.

[REDACTED]  
[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.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:21:57 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: In Favour of Golders Green Hippodrome turn Into Mega Mosque

Hi,

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED], where as in area there is no mosque we are writing to let you know that we are FAVOUR of mega mosque to build so that we may continue our religious obligation easily.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:33:23 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:33:32 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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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 share the history of a displaced community trying to find a settled home. I find the tone and approach of many of those opposed to the Markaz's application to be very hurtful and reject this as a voice of Golders Green residents.


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]

  
**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 05:51:22 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

**Subject:**New Planning Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL

Site Location: Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

I would like to object to the above New Planning Application on the following grounds:

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 beautiful Grade II listed building is an arts and performance space for all, not for just one part of the community. This application will get rid of concerts, conferences, drama and dance which will cater for all of the community.

If this building is allowed to be turned into a mosque it's will irreversibly and permanently change and even damage a unique centralised Golders Green landmark which has a great universal artistic heritage as well as a local character with amenities which would serve all of the community.

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.

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 for such a development.

3. Disturbance

Residents reported constant disturbance until after midnight: car doors slamming, engines revving up and lack of consideration for people asleep. Planning conditions were imposed in 2007 for this reason: "to safeguard the amenities of the area". The current owners and their community ignored these conditions, such as opening hours. This already shows that it would always be hard to enforce, e.g. during Ramadan and Muharram. The owners use of the Hippodrome already has broken planning control since 2017.

This is a clear indication that the change of use could not and would never be controlled by planning conditions. The problem would likely worsen if this planning permission were granted.

Yours sincerely,

  
NW11   


[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:20:48 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and member of Alyth Synagogue, 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 and I am horrified that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. I stand against hate in all its forms, which has no place in our community and borough.

As someone who lives close to the Markaz, I appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and I am excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:20:53 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
N3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:20:58 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW2  
[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 rabbi at Alyth North Western Reform Synagogue, a leader in the Jewish community in Barnet, and someone who grew up in the borough, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:21:01 +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 resident and as a member of the 'Alyth' Jewish Community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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I am amazed that their planning application is taking so long to be approved. Please do everything you can to speed this along, grant them the permission they seek, and stand against hate in our Borough.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:21:08 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Subject:**Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 07:21:19 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and a member of Alyth Gardens Synagogue community] that I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 08:50:04 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: RE: Mosque application ref20/2988/FUL  
Importance: Normal

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
Date: 17/02/2021 07:54 (GMT+00:00)  
[REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Mosque application ref20/2988/FUL  
[REDACTED]

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

Thank you

Kind regards

**Yasmeen Khan**

**Planning Technician**

**Planning and Building Control**

London Borough of Barnet

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 February 2021 11:11

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

**Subject:** Mosque application ref20/2988/FUL

I am writing to object to the above application for a mosque at the Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP.

The Mosque will be used by many people at all times of the day and night, although there is good access by public transport but not at night, many people using the Mosque will come with private transport. There is already traffic congestion in the area and this problem will be exacerbated. There is already a lack of parking in the area, is provision for extra parking being made in the planning application? Parking and congestion problems will cause problems for residents in the area. I am concerned by increased pollution at a time when the council and the Mayor of London are trying to decrease this

problem. There will also inevitably be increased noise pollution and possibly waste pollution.

The Hippodrome is a Grade2 listed building which was used for arts and performance. I went to pantomimes and shows there as a child. In later years,I attended plays and concerts and then took grandchildren to shows there. The building should be for everyone to enjoy the arts and events (after lockdown), an amenity to be used not by just one part of the community.

Please reject this application and any other application which can cause a large influx of people and may change the nature of Golders Green, a quiet residential area.



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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 09:22:42 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

I write in respect of consultation 20/2988/FUL

I am writing as a Barnet Council resident in support of planning permission for the Markaz.

I am appalled that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. This alone should make it clear that the objections are not based on genuine planning considerations but on intolerance. I can see absolutely no objection to the proposed use particularly given its past use as a Christian centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 09:22:49 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 09:23:02 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

Re consultation 20/2988/FUL

I live close to the proposed Markaz, am a member of a local Jewish community and am disgusted by much of the resistance to this initiative from some inside Barnet and mostly from outside our Borough. Many (most?) of the objections are driven by islamophobia shrouded in other objections, as indeed admitted by the ring leader. Two points:

1. I hope and believe Barnet Council and the Planning Committee are not fellow travellers with those who spread hate, fear and distrust. Given that the purpose of this building is identical to Barnet Council's original intent and the way it was used and approved for previous leaseholder, there should be no impediment to approval. The various delays and procedural issues / irregularities / hurdles the Council has put in place give me cause for concern. Do the right thing now

2. The travel objections are absurd in context (and manageable). Far more people were much more regularly attending when it was a Christian centre. And even more when it was a BBC concert venue.

I am pleased that this building will be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 09:42:19 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

**Subject:**Re: Ref. 20/2988/FUL. Golders Green hippodrome London nw117rp

Hello

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

> On 17 Feb 2021, at 08:26, 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

>

> Yasmeen Khan

> Planning Technician

> Planning and Building Control

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> [REDACTED]

> Sent: 15 February 2021 10:49

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

> Subject: Ref. 20/2988/FUL. Golders Green hippodrome London nw117rp

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> I wish to object to using the hippodrome in Golders Green as a large Islamic mosque. This will cause congestion, disruption to a residential area, traffic problems and general disturbance. This Hippodrome should be for all the community.

> Not just for a minority.

> It's an iconic building. Should be used for general artistic use. It's not only for one section of the community.

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> I very strongly object to the planning you propose.

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:05:46 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and a member of Alyth 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,

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**Subject:** Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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I write in relation to consultation 20/2988/FUL. I strongly support the application by the Markaz community for planning permission in relation to the Golders Green Hippodrome.

I have lived in Hampstead Garden Suburb in the Borough of Barnet for nearly 40 years and know the area around the Hippodrome well. I believe it would be a very positive development if an iconic building like the Hippodrome were brought back to life to play an active part in the Golders Green and wider Barnet community. It could potentially make a substantial contribution to the Council's welcome plans to revitalise the Golders Green area. Objections based on traffic and parking grounds are, in my view, not soundly based and merely a cover for anti-Muslim prejudice, which should have no place in an area such as Barnet that historically has been home to many different, and mutually tolerant, religious communities.

I urge the Council to grant this application by the Markaz community.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:23:01 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:23:52 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Dear Sir,

Further to my objection placed on the website I wish to confirm my views as follows:

1. I understand that the size of the planned Mosque is twice the size of Finsbury and would therefore be totally out of character with the ideals of the Conservation area and, in direct conflict with the detailed plans you circulated in 2019, entitled "Golders Green Town Centre Strategy". I read the plan in detail and thought there were some very interesting ideas which included finding ways of REDUCING congestion, traffic and pollution. In fact, it encouraged walking and exercise as I recall. This Grade 11 listed building is for all of us, not just one part of the Community.
2. I have already objected in terms of congestion and parking. As I understand it the size is 50,000 sq.ft plus with opening hours until 1130pm. We already have significant issues in our streets (I am in Corringham Road), without increased congestion, parking problems (where are all the attendees going to park?), emission problems intensifying the danger we already face. How are you going to even attempt to control the huge traffic and parking problem that will ensue? What about noise pollution – the sounds of cars coming and going day and night? Where are the visitors for locals going to park? What on earth makes you think that none of this will happen?
3. The Mosque authorities have defied planning control since 2017. Control was instituted to safeguard the amenities of the area. Opening hour conditions have already been broken on many occasions. How are you planning to control any planning conditions?

Council should refuse this application.

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NW11 [REDACTED]



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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:26:09 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning reference - 20/2988/FUL

Dear Barnet council

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] - living very close to golders Green. I wanted to register my opposition to the proposed mosque approval at the Golder Green Hippodrome. This proposed site will have a capacity of 3000 people, will create a lot of traffic and pollution in a green neighbourhood and is also encouraging congregation of large numbers of people which is inherently unhealthy as we have learnt painfully. I am keen that this planning application is denied.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:30:14 +0000 (GMT)  
**To:**Planning Consultation  
**Subject:**Golders Green Hippodrome 20/2988/FUL

Dear Planners

I have just had an inflammatory leaflet with no details of who it is from or who has printed and published it referring to the above planning application and urging me to object!

The leaflet is unpleasant to say the least. I strongly support the plan for the Mosque (as a Jewish woman!) and hope that permission is granted for a place of worship and a community resource.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:37:02 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: 20/2988/FUL Golders Green hippodrome, london nw11 7rp

Dear planning consultation team,

Please reject the above planning permission for the following reasons:

- 1) we have to protect Golders Green and Hampstead conservation areas - the plan is to build a monster building eg the largest Islamic centres in Europe. This is not the place to do it. In a small village in the centre.
- 2) we have to consider the environment please! How can we allow this build with increased traffic when we should be reducing our carbon footprint saving the environment from total destruction. How does this make sense for our children?
- 3) noise - not the build itself but once fully functional it will be a complete disturbance to the area, this should not be allowed in such a small congested area. This should be considered out of town. There is already Regent's Park mosque in close proximity to access.

Please reject this planning permission on common sense, please!

I moved to the area in 2018 because of the greenery, birdsong and peacefulness. All of this would be destroyed for my kids by this build.

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Sent from my iPad

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**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 11:58:09 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

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

Application Ref. 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs,

I write to advise you of my objection to this planning application. The property is within 1 mile of my home.

The Hippodrome was built as an arts and performance space and not for religious purposes. It will do irreversible harm to the building.

It would attract a huge number of cars causing congestion and parking problems as there is a little parking on site.

Residents in the area will be constantly disturbed until late at night.

Please confirm that my objections have been noted.

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[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 12:01:11 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

**Subject:**Reference: 20/2988/FUL SITE LOCATION: Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7R

Dear Sirs,

I strongly **object** to the above proposal on the following grounds:

### **The Golders Green and Hampstead Conservation Areas**

The Golders Green Hippodrome is a grade II listed building and its status as an artistic space is for all, not just one community. This is what it was built for. Conversion to a mosque would mean an end to concerts, drama and dance.

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increasing the already twice the legal limit for NO2 toxic emissions levels.

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Reason: To ensure an appropriate level of public performance for the benefit of the community.

Currently the above Condition is being flouted by the new owners of the building. The previous owners, the El Shaddai International Christian Centre also failed to follow the Public Performance Management Scheme. I fail to see how, if Barnet fail to enforce the current conditions that there can be any confidence that they will do so once the building is more intensively used, as is now proposed. Accordingly there has been and will be a substantial loss of performances and entertainments at this Grade II Listed theatre that forms the heart of this Conservation Area.

Like it or not this new Application is a turning point because it will be the first time that the Hippodrome will change to a use without a substantial element of public performance. It is naive to think that since Condition 3 (above) of the 2007 permission has continually been ignored, that a liberalisation of the conditions (which is effectively what is now being proposed) will be enforced or enforceable by Barnet - they have shown little appetite for enforcement (unless forced by local public pressure) on this condition in the past.

It would be very straight forward for Historic England/Barnet to simply require the Applicant to produce a proper public statement clarifying their view of say LGBT+ theatre generally.



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The Applicant must unambiguously clarify the extent of their commitment to the current planning conditions:

'To hold concerts, conferences, drama and dance festivals.'

Clearly for condition 3 to have any real meaning the applicant must demonstrate that they have a commitment to be multicultural, multiethnic, promote equal opportunity projects, be open to LGBT+ theatre and community projects, and to have no gender bias etc. It is vitally important that for the statutory bodies remit to have meaning they should seek to preserve the spirit and heritage of this building as a widely accessible theatre space for the whole community. There should be an assurance (so far sadly lacking from the consultation process) that there will be no censorship of performance or conference projects that can be scheduled within the building under Markaz El Tathgheef El Eslami's ownership. Without a legally enforceable agreement there will be an inevitable loss of entertainments programming which would be a detrimental change for the building and locality.

I refer to the following official heritage guidance.

“Heritage Works”, English Heritage’s guidance document on the development of heritage buildings, states that:

“The best use for a building will often be the use for which it was originally designed and the continuation or reinstatement of that use may be the first option when the future of a building is considered.” (emphasis added)

If the proposal is for use other than that for which the property was originally designed, paragraph 133 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that:

133. Where a proposed development will lead to substantial harm to or total loss of significance of a designated heritage asset, local planning authorities should refuse consent, unless it can be demonstrated that the substantial harm or loss is necessary to achieve substantial public benefits that outweigh that harm or loss, or all of the following apply:

- the nature of the heritage asset prevents all reasonable uses of the site; and
- no viable use of the heritage asset itself can be found in the medium term through appropriate marketing that will enable its conservation; (emphasis added)

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The guidance was written with properties like the Golders Green Hippodrome in mind. In view of the harm that the Current Proposal would do to the character of both the Conservation Area and the Grade II listed building, it is reasonable and essential that the Applicants carry out an appropriate marketing of the building.

1. This is a cynical attempt to circumvent the planning process. The current Inquiry is the legitimate and natural next step in the process which has been delayed since 2017.
2. Theatrical Use. I have referred at length to the importance of the Golders Green Hippodrome above. The new Application, while 'ticking all the right boxes' and very professionally prepared offers nothing in the way of what the average person would consider a true theatre experience, it is neither diverse nor inclusive, but a distracting 'wish' list of 'worthy' sound bites. Had the Applicant truly wanted to demonstrate his desire to honour the current Planning Consent (all of which he was aware of before he purchased the building), he could have at any time done so. The Applicant's passed conduct is both informative and very likely a strong indicator of his likely predisposition of non-compliance in the future - realistically how easy will it be for the Applicant to dilute or simply ignore the Public Performance Management Scheme.
3. Transport. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plans are again 'professionally' prepared and at first sight persuasive, they are however misleading and disingenuous. There is no significant Islamic population sufficient to fill the Applicant's aspiration to create one of the largest Mosques in Europe within easy travel distance. Many of the congregation will have to travel far, however the Travel Plan misses a fundamental but perhaps unspoken truth that many of the regular congregation are car users. I think it a fair observation and perhaps a generalisation (but nonetheless true) that a significant percentage of mini cab/Uber drivers follow the Islamic faith. This is not surprising as the flexible work hours allow drivers to fully follow their religion and prayer times. The consequence of this is (as at the Regent's Park Mosque) haphazard parking throughout the day, becoming chaotic on high days and holidays. If this Application is permitted I would expect parking control to be swamped by both illegally parked and inconsiderately parked vehicles throughout the day.
4. The Transport Assessment & Travel Plans in detail: 2.8  
"Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe." - Clearly if this development were to go ahead there would be a severe impact on the local highways. 2.15 The 'check list' of supposed contributions the development would make is merely a generic 'wish list' lacking any verification or authentication. The tables set out under 5.0 Trip Generation are selective, dubious and misleading. As an example anticipated vehicle visits are on the face of it over 50% with less than 5% arriving by bus, tram and rail. Experience tells us, the local residents that the vehicle arrivals are well in excess of the anticipated number.

The general thrust of the Motion document clearly recognises that there would be a highway problem should the development be permitted and tries to head that off by getting their retaliation in first. Motion then provide 50 pages of bogus precision and elastic formulae to try to mitigate the 'problem' of the Applicants making should the development be permitted. It would be better by far if the Application is rejected and the current inquiry proceed.

All of the above can adequately be determined at the public inquiry.

This opportunistic Application and it's various attachments are nothing more than calculated and meticulously presented shenanigans.

It seems to be Markaz El Tathgheef El Eslami's aim that consent will aid cross cultural harmony, however this Application being so vigorously opposed by the resident community is far more likely to spread distrust and rancour if consented. Especially so since the Planning 'games' and manoeuvres (this Application) being adopted are so unfair, unnecessary and motivated purely by self-interest.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 12:21:36 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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N10 [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 Finchley Reform Synagogue, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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**Sent:**Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:39:24 +0000

**To:**Planning Consultation

**Subject:**Reference: 20/2988/FUL SITE LOCATION: Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7R

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1. This is a cynical attempt to circumvent the planning process. The current Inquiry is the legitimate and natural next step in the process which has been delayed since 2017.
2. Theatrical Use. I have referred at length to the importance of the Golders Green Hippodrome above. The new Application, while ‘ticking all the right boxes’ and very professionally prepared offers nothing in the way of what the average person would consider a true theatre experience, it is neither diverse nor inclusive, but a distracting ‘wish’ list of ‘worthy’ sound bites. Had the Applicant truly wanted to demonstrate his desire to honour the current Planning Consent (all of which he was aware of before he purchased the building), he could have at any time done so. The Applicant’s passed conduct is both informative and very likely a strong indicator of his likely predisposition of non-compliance in the future - realistically how easy will it be for the Applicant to dilute or simply ignore the Public Performance Management Scheme.
3. Transport. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plans are again ‘professionally’ prepared and at first sight persuasive, they are however misleading and disingenuous. There is no significant Islamic population sufficient to fill the Applicant’s aspiration to create one of the largest Mosques in Europe within easy travel distance. Many of the congregation will have to travel far, however

the Travel Plan misses a fundamental but perhaps unspoken truth that many of the regular congregation are car users. I think it a fair observation and perhaps a generalisation (but nonetheless true) that a significant percentage of mini cab/Uber drivers follow the Islamic faith. This is not surprising as the flexible work hours allow drivers to fully follow their religion and prayer times. The consequence of this is (as at the Regent's Park Mosque) haphazard parking throughout the day, becoming chaotic on high days and holidays. If this Application is permitted I would expect parking control to be swamped by both illegally parked and inconsiderately parked vehicles throughout the day.

4. The Transport Assessment & Travel Plans in detail: 2.8
- "Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe." - Clearly if this development were to go ahead there would be a severe impact on the local highways. 2.15 The 'check list' of supposed contributions the development would make is merely a generic 'wish list' lacking any verification or authentication. The tables set out under 5.0 Trip Generation are selective, dubious and misleading. As an example anticipated vehicle visits are on the face of it over 50% with less than 5% arriving by bus, tram and rail. Experience tells us, the local residents that the vehicle arrivals are well in excess of the anticipated number.

The general thrust of the Motion document clearly recognises that there would be a highway problem should the development be permitted and tries to head that off by getting their retaliation in first. Motion then provide 50 pages of bogus precision and elastic formulae to try to mitigate the 'problem' of the Applicants making should the development be permitted. It would be better by far if the Application is rejected and the current inquiry proceed.

All of the above can adequately be determined at the public inquiry.

This opportunistic Application and its various attachments are nothing more than calculated and meticulously presented shenanigans.

It seems to be Markaz El Tathgheef El Eslami's aim that consent will aid cross cultural harmony, however this Application being so vigorously opposed by the resident community is far more likely to spread distrust and rancour if consented. Especially so since the Planning 'games' and manoeuvres (this Application) being adopted are so unfair, unnecessary and motivated purely by self-interest.

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[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:30 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:36 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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i am disappointed to see that the forces of islamophobia are mustering to reject this application and that they are being assisted by someone who is explicitly using the system to stop what he perceives to be a "tide of islam". Barnet has been a place of tolerance and acceptance and this kind of campaign is to be deprecated by all upstanding and moral citizens.

The traffic or other concerns are simply a smokescreen as is clear from the campaign video i have seen. there will be no more or less traffic than previously when it was a church.

i support this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:40 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N2 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:45 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:50 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am a Barnet resident and life long resident of Hampstead Garden Suburb. I am also a Quaker

I support giving planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz as soon as practically possible.

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:49:57 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
N10 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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

[REDACTED]  
BR1 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:50:05 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
N2 [REDACTED]  
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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

20/2988/FUL.

I totally oppose the Planning Application to turn the Golders Green Hippodrome into a Mosque.

The Council must refuse this, for all the obvious reasons - Artistic Heritage, character and hopefully people's amenities. It is inconceivable that Barnet Planning Council could allow this to happen.

20/2988/FUL.

GOLDERS Green Hippodrome.

London NW11 TRP.

from  
[REDACTED]

THIS AREA must be for EVERY ONE!!



NW11

Feb 15 2021

Ref application 20/2488 / Full  
Soldiers Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

Dear Sir

My wife and I have lived in the Soldiers Green area for over 40 years and we are now both retired. We have seen many changes and unfortunately many have not been for the good of the area.

I understand that there has been an application submitted to turn in the Hippodrome into a mosque. I am now writing to object to this planning application. The Hippodrome was a originally a theatre and then used by the BBC for broadcasting and recording radio programmes. A large Islamic centre would be totally out of character for the building and the area. There are already Islamic centres in Regents Park and ~~Golders Green~~ Finsbury Park.

Soldiers Green is a residential area and already has severe parking and traffic problems. A proposed large Islamic centre I believe would increase the volume of traffic and create even more parking issues for residents.

The security costs and presence would be great. There is also the issue of disturbance. Previously residents have complained of noise issues after midnight. The council would find it difficult to monitor disturbance issues.




The Hippodrome needs to be used to benefit all the residents in every age group category. Might I suggest a community or cultural centre. Somewhere all residents could go and meet socially. Possibly this could include a theatre or cinema. I have fond memories of the Ionic Golders Green and even as a youngster growing up in Highgate going to the Hippodrome theatre.

Golders Green road and the surroundings has lost its character and this needs to be restored. Unfortunately a large Islamic centre will not benefit the people who live in the area.

Thank you for reading this letter

Yours faithfully



1/4/2/21

NWTH

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A  
NOTICE TO SAY NEW PLANS ARE  
GOING IN ABOUT THE MOSQUE IN  
GOLDERS GREEN STATION. WHY???

APPLICATION REFERENCE

20/2985 / FUL

ANOTHER BIGGER MOSQUE TURNING  
GOLDERS GREEN HUBBARDHURST F.R.P.  
INTO A PLACE OF WORSHIP. WHY?

THERE MUST BE PLenty OF PLACES  
MUCH BETTER TO ~~USE~~ TO PARK IN

WHERE CAN MINICARS, TAXIS, BUSES,  
OR LONG DISTANCE BUSES CAN PARK

IF YOU AGREE. EVEN THE PEOPLE  
AWAITING BUSES IN THE STREET  
WILL BE IN TROUBLE.

AND WHERE WILL THE MISTERS

2

PARK IN THE STREET - WHICH IS USED DAILY  
BY THE RESIDENCED FAMILIES? ALREADY  
THE FLATS OPPOSITE HAVE HAD TROUBLE  
WITH LOSING THEIR OWN PARKING SPACE.

TRAVELLERS WITH SUITCASES, PRAMS  
& WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE IN TERRIBLE  
TROUBLE TRYING TO GET TO THEIR  
BUSES, (NOT EVERYONE CAN DRIVE THERE)

IT WILL END WITH THE POLICE BEING  
CAUSED TO STOP THE FIGHTING.

THERE ARE MANY PLACES IN GOLDERS  
GREEN MUCH BETTER SUITED. I KNOW THAT.

CAN YOU ALL STOP THIS - BEFORE  
SOME PEOPLE WILL END UP IN HOSPITAL.

MY FAMILY - AND ALL FRIENDS ARE  
FURIOUS YOU ARE EVEN CONSIDERING  
LETTING THEM GET AWAY LIKE THIS.

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF ALL  
MY FAMILY & NEIGHBOURS,

YOURS SINCERELY



NO MOSQUE, IT IS FOR ALL  
COMMUNITIES  
GOLDERS GREEN  
IT IS A CONSERVATION AREA



**You Need To Write To The Council Again With Your Views On Golders Green Hippodrome Becoming A Mega Mosque**

**DEADLINE:  
OBJECT BY  
8 March 2021**

DISTURBANCE & VERY DIFFICULT TO PARK

- The owners of Golders Green Hippodrome have submitted a **new planning application** to turn it into a mosque.
- Their **existing Planning Appeal** to use the Hippodrome as a mega mosque is still running, and yet to be decided.
- If you don't write to the council again, on this new application, it might go through quietly, unopposed.  
The Council's notification letter creates the impression that you don't need to object to this application, since there were so many objections last time around.  
This would be convenient for the Council, avoiding the current, embarrassing Planning Appeal, but it is wrong! If you don't register your views to this application, the Council can assume that you have changed your mind and no longer mind the Hippodrome becoming a mosque.
- If you're happy with that, you don't have to say anything, but, if not, don't give them free run at it - make sure your voice is heard again.

**Please quote the Application Reference:**

**20/2988/FUL**

**You must also quote the full Site Location:**

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

Covid restrictions will end and there is no reason to believe that the owners will not resume the intense use of the building to capacity

That will impact the local amenity, quality of life in the area and road traffic safety, resulting in increased congestion, air pollution, noise pollution, and general disturbance.



This 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 is controversial and the Council should refuse it so that it can be joined with the current Appeal, to be settled by the Planning Inspectorate. You can tell the Council this in your own words. Below are some points you might like to use.

### 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.



**If you wish to have a say in maintaining the amenities of the Golders Green Conservation area for all communities please send in your objections to this appeal today**

Please quote the full Application Reference Number: **20/2988/FUL**

You need also to quote the full Site Location:

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

Email: **[planning.consultation@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@barnet.gov.uk)**

Or you can write to:

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

Make sure you include the reference number **20/2988/FUL** as well as the address **Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP**

Or send your objection to the Barnet website using this link:

**<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/>**  
entering the application reference number **20/2988/FUL** into the 'simple search'  
then click the 'Comments' tab and then leave your comment.

Make sure you use this reference number for all correspondence as well as the address **Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP**

To Planning [redacted] NW11 [redacted]  
London Borough of Barnet 15/2/21

Dear Sirs

RE GOLDS GREEN HIPPODROME  
LONDON NW11 7AP

Reference 20/2988/FUL

I wish to protest against  
the proposed plan for redevelopment  
of Golders Green Hippodrome as a  
mosque. The extra activity,  
traffic and parking problems  
are detrimental to the area  
and must not be allowed.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

NW1

15/2/21

Planning  
London Borough of Havest

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London NW11 7RP

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[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 17 Feb 2021 15:32:41 +0000  
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**Subject:** RE: Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL  
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** [Planning Consultation](#)  
**Sent:** 17 February 2021 07:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL

[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

[REDACTED]  
Barnet Online: [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)



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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 February 2021 15:57  
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>  
Subject: Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL

Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

With reference to the new planning application for the above, I am writing to place my objection for the Golders Green Hippodrome becoming a Mosque. I would be very disappointed if I were prevented from enjoying the concerts and Dramas which had been available in the past. This entertainment was very much enjoyed by the general public and consideration should be given to allow people of all ages to benefit from this heritage. One point I wish to make is that elderly people find it difficult to travel to the West End and the position of the Hippodrome was very convenient.

I sympathise with the residents who live near the Hippodrome, for the disturbance caused by people slamming doors, engines revving and lack of consideration for people asleep.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 15:45:29 +0000  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Re: Planning Application: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam

I believe that the owners of Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP, have submitted a new planning application (20/2988/FUL) to turn this site into a huge mosque.

I would like to express my opposition to this new application. Please refuse this application, and deal with the matter with the existing appeal that is yet undecided.

I **oppose** this application because it would negatively affect our area. This massive new mosque would bring overwhelming traffic congestion and pollution, and parking in the area to do basic local shopping would be impossible. As it is now, the users of this mosque ignore the planning conditions, such as opening hours, that were imposed in 2007, and this would most likely only get worse if the proposed plan is approved.

Another point is that this new building would be out of character in this area. Additionally, this site currently serves the entire community for arts and performance, and this would be lost to only one part of the community.

I trust that you will take the needs and welfare of the entire community into consideration regarding this application and refuse this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:01 +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 as a member of St Edward the Confessor parish, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
W3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N2 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:18 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:23 +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 [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]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:32 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
UB1 [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 member of the Muslim community, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:28 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**To: Planning Consultation**

**Subject:**Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

HA3

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

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11/11/2016

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:42 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:46 +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]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:51 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:07:58 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
W6 [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 member of the Islamic Education Markaz ( **Center** ) community, how much I support planning permission for the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:08:01 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:08:06 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
N2  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you as a resident in Finchley, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:18:22 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
WS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:22:23 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as local resident (of West Heath Road) and as a member of Alyth Synagogue, that I fully support the application for planning permission for the Markaz Community Centre in Golders Green.

The actions of the GRREG are totally contrary to the spirit of community cohesion and fly in the face of the fact that Golders Green is home to a range of faith groups, including my community which is less than a mile down Finchley Road. The parking issues that keep being flagged at the reason not to allow this application, have been conflated with fear mongering and untruths. The community have acknowledged that there was an issue and addressed it, included in their Travel Assessment plan. As a local resident who witnessed the parking problems in the year that it happened, I am comfortable that the matter has been addressed (especially since it has not happened again).

Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. For thirty years the Markaz have met as a community in Barnet. The campaign to discredit the Markaz community and distribute leaflets full of aspersions, is disgraceful. I stand against hate in all its forms.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:31:00 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:31:05 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW2 [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:04 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
N3 [REDACTED]  
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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:08 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW9 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:13 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NW9 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:16 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW9 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:20 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW2  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:24 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
EN4 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 16:53:38 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
NW2 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

dear barnet please do not shut this place people are so nice there we escaped war to come here so we can practice our religion ive gone since i was a child my family escaped war please do not shut it down its a sacred place please do not

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 17:33:41 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 17:33:45 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 17:33:49 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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**To: Planning Consultation**

**Subject:**Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

NW10

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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]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 17:55:59 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
W14 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 18:23:35 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

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

Hello,

London, 17.02.2021

I am writing to you about the planning application to turn Golders Green Hippodrome into one of the largest mosques in the UK.

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] (London), I would like to express my opinion and **OBJECT** the planning application appeal.

**Also, I would like to raise my concern about the safety of young women who are harassed verbally (sexually) on the streets by men coming in and out of the center.**

As this place has already been turned into a small mosque / Islamic center some time ago, I've noticed a very intimidating and sexually abusive (verbal) behavior from the men coming from this place in late evenings, especially during summer months.

I am a young, professional woman who is normally commuting by tube to central London on a daily basis (before Covid 19).

In the spring/summer months (before Covid), when coming back from work around 7pm or later, I was once approached by some young men coming out from the center who started following me, laughing and using sexually explicit words towards me.

Unfortunately, a similar situation happened to me a couple of more times by some older men walking in or out of the center.

**I started dreading walking home from the tube.**

I felt scared and intimidated (the center is now temporarily closed due to Covid 19), and I shouldn't feel that way.

The whole area **has changed from safe and quiet to hectic, busy road (especially North End Road)** with the people parking along the street late evenings and nights (after midnight).

There is a lot of commotion.

I hope that my voice will be heard.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:15:38 +0000 (UTC)

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:15:43 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as an ex-member of Barnet and now living very close to the border of Haringey and Barnet, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:15:47 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

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

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:15:58 +0000 (UTC)  
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:18:00 +0000 (UTC)  
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 19:18:06 +0000 (UTC)  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a Kensington & Chelsea resident, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 20:12:28 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 20:13:04 +0000 (UTC)  
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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 20:31:28 +0000 (UTC)  
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[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 21:26:42 +0000 (UTC)  
To: Planning Consultation  
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[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 member of Golders Green Quakers, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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**From** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wed, 17 Feb 2021 23:11:07 +0000

**To:** Planning Consultation

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

Dear Planning Inspector & Council Team

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.

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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.

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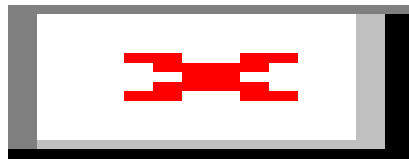
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Best Regards

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