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Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to a change of use to a place of worship. Without other provision in place, West Heath Drive ("WHD") and the surrounding streets will become the de facto car park for the Hippodrome. From what we've seen when the centre was last opened, prior to the current restrictions being put in place, that's not a workable arrangement. It had a severe negative impact and caused an incredible amount of disruption to the area, with the increased traffic, congestion, noise, littering, disruption to the normal working of public transport, intimidating groups of young men hanging around, parking on driveways, blocking of driveways and parking on single and double yellow lines. The area is already congested with parked cars and traffic on WHD and the surrounding streets.

Apart from parking or related issues, to have such crowds and potential noise as was the case previously when the centre was open is not in my belief, conducive to a mainly residential area of Golders Green and certainly in my case, will not help my kids to get the sleep they need during school days.

Also, part of the issue with the new centre becoming a place of "worship" is that the influx of people from outside the local area would not be limited to one time of day or one day a week. The mosque would no doubt be running services and large events throughout the week, meaning the impact is ongoing, not just on Sundays or at particular times like it was for its previous use as a "church". The change of use proposed has wide implications that needs a much bigger consultation, thought and restrictions to be put in place to protect local residents from the huge extra number of cars that result. When the centre was a Christian church, the attendees of that church were of a much smaller number and were always considerate to the local area and residents. Also, the church was only used at limited times.

This new centre has already proven that a potential change to the use of the building is massively detrimental; that attendee numbers vastly increased; and that those attendees are completely inconsiderate of their impact to the local area. The use of the building as a mosque has already created a completely different and more disruptive pattern of use. This is not about the faith that is being practised at the Hippodrome, its about the fact that the congregation have already proved that they are incapable of being considerate toward the local community, and the management of the building are unable to mitigate the deterioration of the quality of life of the residents of this once charming and tranquil neighbourhood.

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Comment: This application must be judged solely on its merits, free from any form of racism and prejudice, with the same consideration as we would expect any similar application from a Christian, Jewish, Hindu or Sikh community to be evaluated. While neighbours may have fair grounds to challenge a planning request, I deplore the Islamophobic dimensions to the organised campaign against this application. Such prejudice harms every part of our society.

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Comment Reasons:

- Request to speak at committee

Comment: This place of worship will be completely out of place in Golders Green. This lovely building should be kept as an artistic heritage for the whole Golders Green community.

The congestion and Parking limitation around Golders Green underground station are already horrendous. This building becoming a place of worship will make them impossible.

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Comment: I object to this planning application with Reference Number 20/2988/FUL, at the Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP, for the following reasons

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

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: Distressed about the proposal for GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME LONDON NW11 7RP reference number 20/2988/FUL .

It will make this already congested area impossible! The noise and late finishing times will cause a major disturbance and lack of consideration for people asleep. It's the worst place the applicants could have chosen!!!

I really hope you will refuse planning permission of something that will be a disaster for the area.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have a number of objections to this application:

1). Traffic - parking is a huge issue already. When there are events at the Hippodrome, parking becomes intolerable. The area is quite dangerous as it is, with buses coming from all directions, traffic lights and a taxi rank.

2). The Building has a great presence in this area. It is perhaps the most intriguing building of all. What a shame that it might be devoted to one place of worship and its community purpose lost.

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Comment: Dear barnet council, please allow the use of the building for worship. Hopefully it will help bring the community together.

Thanks

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: The Hippodrome is a Grade II listed building and its status should remain as such. I object to this planning application on the following grounds.

The proposed use of the building as place of worship on a daily basis until the late evening will cause major disruptions - significant traffic congestion will be created and parking will become a major issue.

The amenities of all neighbours will be severely negatively impacted.

Although the location of the building is very close to public transport links, many of the users of the proposed mosque, who do not live close by, will use cars to get to the building. One of the key issues is that the proposed location of this mosque is that it is not close the community that will use it, thereby requiring travel by car or public transport. Many will opt for arriving by car, as this is more convenient, particularly in the evening and at festivals. The proposed mosque will therefore draw in a very large number of people from outside the area.

This will create noise, traffic jams and parking problems for the local residents who already have minimal parking space.

The location of the Hippodrome is in a major junction which is already busy with traffic on any normal day let alone the flow of hundreds of people to the Hippodrome.

I hope you take these issues into account when deciding this planning application.

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Comment: During times of high-occupancy services at the Hippodrome since 2017, the entire area was grid-locked with cars parked on double yellow lines, close to road junctions and across driveways. The undertaking to provide on-street wardens to control this vehicular influx, however well intentioned, failed as there is nowhere to send the cars once they are caught in the cross-roads logjam. There are no parking facilities in the area. The car park advertised by the owners can take 20 cars at most and all other nearby parking is for residents only.

The owners' promotional video describes a capacity of 3,200, offering regular services, after school classes and lectures. It also tells how attendances at the previous centre in Cricklewood outgrew the 600 of capacity, necessitating a larger centre. Both toxic gases and noise pollution are already a problem in the area. With events and services going on well into the night and starting in the early morning, the noise of crowds arriving and leaving the area were and will in the future be unavoidable, however well intentioned the plan is to avoid this.

The local communities are already well served by existing Churches, Synagogues, Temples and Mosques. A large Mosque catering mostly for attendees from out of area, is surplus to needs in this conservation area. The Golders Green Hippodrome, an iconic, imposing, Grade II listed building, typical of its period, must not be selective, but returned to its original use for all communities. It is not suitable for use as a place of worship for a single religious community be they Christian, Jewish, Hindu or Muslim. Word has it that Middlesex University in Hendon is looking for a theatre and arts centre. The Hippodrome would provide an ideal site, preserving it for its original historic use.

Hopefully the council will ignore all emotive comments and letters from organisations, groups & individuals who have no vested interest in the local amenity. submitted again as 1st didn't go through

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to object to this application on the following grounds:

First, the simple logic of a community centre or communal location is to serve the local communities. Given the demographic mix of the area, turning the Hippodrome into a religious centre with no direct membership in the catchment area makes no sense to me.

Second, given the size of the building, there is no doubt that it will attract visitors from other boroughs and create substantial traffic, congestion and pollution in the area. It is naive to believe that all visitors will use public transport and the road network cannot accommodate such traffic.

Third, there is no large religious building in the area despite the higher concentration of several ethnic groups. There is a planning logic to that and I don't see why it should be different this time.

I hope you will take my opinion into consideration.

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Strongly object to this building becoming a mosque for many reasons. It is out of character with the area and will bring congestion, traffic noise and disturbance to local residents. The building itself is reserved for community use yet this application will restrict it's use for only one section of society who currently have no foothold in this area.

Please turn this application down, do not simply let it slide through by stealth.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: The Hippodrome was built for entertainment, I was lucky as a boy to go there at Christmas time to see Pantomimes.

It should stay as a place of entertainment and not turned into a Religious centre.

The size would cause much congestion and chaos at times.

I'm not Jewish but I recognise that Golders Green has been for a long time a large Jewish Community. With the Climate we currently live in, Having the largest Mosque in Europe placed there.

Seems to me to be absurd to say the least. No rocket science needed.

To lose the Historic Hippodrome is another nail in the British history and way of life.

There are so many reasons not to allow it to be turned into a huge religious center and I can't see any reasons why it should?

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Comment: I live near The Hippodrome and have been appalled by the level of traffic caused by its past unauthorised use as a mosque. Despite being several minutes walk away I have had my front driveway blocked and a drive that should take about 30 seconds has taken closer to 10 minutes on multiple occasions.

The route on North End Road/West Heath Avenue is used many times an hour (perhaps 100x/day) for ambulances and other critical emergency services connecting the Royal Free Hospital with Golders Green, Hendon, Cricklewood & surrounding areas. I cannot overstate the importance of considering the lives that would be lost due to congestion when considering the application. Past experience leaves little hope that the mosque attendees will avoid traffic congestion and the quantifiable risk to human life is too great to take any chances (even with the best effort and promises, there's simply not enough space for 1,000s of people to attend The Hippodrome, even if only a fraction were to park locally).

Please use your conscience and protect the health of those who live in the area by declining this change of use application.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Comment: it is inconceivable & more so mind boggling that the LBoB would consider to put a nail into a national treasure. The grading laws were set up for this very purpose . to save our heritage.

Thank you.

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Comment: I live near this building and already it is difficult enough to get a parking space. Having a building like this that will attract hundreds of people will only make the situation worse for local residents.

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Comment: Dear Mr. Duffin, as a member of the London Borough of Barnet Citizens panel I object in the strongest of terms to the conversion of the Golders Green Hippodrome into a Mosque. My objection is not about religion. I would object whichever religion wished to convert the Golders Green Hippodrome into a place of worship. My objection is on several levels. First, the conversion would put an intolerable strain on local resident's parking spaces. Our residents already pay a considerable amount for parking permits and then might find that after paying this large amount they are unable to find a parking spot within a mile of where they live. Second, it would completely change the character of the area. Third the local area has a relatively tiny Islamic population and is therefore definitely the wrong location for an Islamic place of worship. Fourth, the noise generated with people coming and going would be intolerable to the local population. Fifth it would increase traffic congestion to unbearable levels. The amenities of the area would be ruined and the wonderful and special atmosphere of the the area which the local population enjoys would be ruined forever. PLEASE reject the application. I would be more than upset to see the unique character of the area destroyed forever.

As a historian, it is my absolute hope that one day the Hippodrome will be able to revert to its original use as a theatre.

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Comment: We object to this planning application on the basis of traffic congestion, excessive car parking requirements beyond the capacity of the site or surroundings, excessive traffic and noise at antisocial hours, littering, and the submission of an unacceptable transport assessment

The site itself does not have the car parking capacity to support this use meaning the surrounding, largely residential, streets are pushed well beyond acceptable stress levels. These residential streets are not an appropriate car parking solution for the centre

While Golders Green is well served by public transport, the reality since the opening of the centre shows that private vehicle appears to be the dominant form of transport for visitors

When there are events attracting large numbers (often in the evenings), there are too many cars trying to park on the residential streets. The result is issues of availability of parking bays / yellow lines for residents; regular instances of inconsiderate and often illegal parking making access to driveways difficult; traffic volumes on roads that are not designed for these levels of car use leading to congestion, excessive vehicle noise and exhaust; excessive activity and noise (car doors, horns, engines and people) at antisocial hours as some events do not finish until late at night leading to largescale return to vehicles on residential streets at 11pm / midnight; more littering than is usual due to influxes of non-residents to these residential streets

The transport assessment is at best inadequate and at worst misleading. For eg, the centre has been operating for some time so there has been ample opportunity for a full assessment of the transport methods used by visitors and traffic / parking impact on the local area - it is more significant and negative than portrayed in the report. The use of 'TRICS community use' category

for comparison of trip use is misleading as it does not capture the real patterns of the centre's use
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Comment: I am very concerned with this application - living and working in the area for forty years I've seen the traffic build up around the GG station area - pre-pandemic one could easily get stuck for long periods - several traffic light changes. One can only imagine how this traffic nightmare will be multiplied 1000's of times by people coming from outside the area to visit the site. HAVOC TO ENTIRE AREA - PEDESTRIANS, CYCLES, PARKING & VEHICLES WILL ALL LOOSE OUT.

And the Hippodrome has been the place my children have seen cultural performances and acted in plays themselves over the years - this will lead to a great loss of cultural facilities. To allocate such an important local site to one religion will diminish opportunities for the non-afflicted local children & teenagers.

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Comment: I am very concerned with this application - I live in Golders Green since 1980 this application will cause HAVOC TO ENTIRE AREA - PEDESTRIANS, CYCLES, PARKING & VEHICLES WILL ALL LOOSE OUT. Just consider the damage to local shops during reconstructions - no one will want to come to GG station for fear of being caught up in construction traffic.

Our beloved Hippodrome has been the place our local children have seen cultural performances and acted in plays themselves over the years - this will lead to a great loss of cultural facilities. To allocate such an important local site to one religion will diminish opportunities for the none afflicted local children & teenagers.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I consider that the Hippodrome is one of the few attractive buildings in the area and I do not want to see it altered.

We are very mixed in Golders Green with no one religious building dominating the area - I fear that this easy atmosphere could be changed. If such a large building was changed into a very dominating institution.

There are also issues of parking with such a large building and potential growing congregation.

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Comment: I find it disturbing to hear the mosque organisers want the Hippodrome to become a major Islamic Centre in Europe - bearing in mind GG is home to a very large segment of the UK Jewish community. Can you guarantee the future? this has major security implications for all local residents. While the site has hosted illegal services during last few years all the amenities have suffered badly - this will only be magnified should you grant permission

No to mention Major traffic issues around parking, cycling and general transport.

PLEASE DO NOT RUIN GOLDERS GREEN

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Comment: The Hippodrome is one of the few attractive buildings in the area - with so much history and potential for the future as a multi cultural centre for all nominations - this should not be altered.

We are very mixed in Golders Green with no one religious building dominating the area - I fear that this easy atmosphere could be changed. If such a large building was changed into a very dominating institution. With an aim to become a major centre in Europe - who knows how this will be handled.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to this second application

I live nearby and already suffer from congestion and pollution and this will make them intolerable.

As an iconic building with a rich history the Hippodrome deserves to be preserved for its original use

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: This Building was created for entertainment.

It shouldn't be turned into a religious building

It being a grade 2 listed building,

To lose the Historic Hippodrome is another nail in the British history and way of life.

It would be better to use it as a multiple leisure, art, drama and exercise venue.

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Comment: I am disappointed that this matter is not proceeding to a public hearing notwithstanding the fact, as I understand, that previously a large number of comments were made. I hope that the comments then made will be taken into consideration.

I regret that it has become evident that Barnet allows any application if the applicant keeps resubmitting it with minor changes until it succeeds. The developers or other applicants persevere with their applications. Where it is a business opportunity being pursued for substantial profits, the developers have the time and money to engage experts to overcome any opposition while the people living in the community, having initially commented cannot keep making further comments although it is their community in which they live and have lived for years that is being changed without their views being given adequate consideration.

I am against this application because I consider its use for a specific group of people, especially a religious one, not to be in the mutual interest of this whole community.

We live in a multi-cultural area and all attempts should be made to promote social cohesion rather than to create more boundaries. However welcoming mosques, synagogues, orthodox churches etc may wish to be it is very difficult for an outsider to enter and utilise any of their facilities. There is always the fear and risk of inadvertently insulting the religion by inappropriate dress or behaviour. The only women I have seen entering the Hippodrome since it became a Muslim centre have been in full body covering burqas.

Even for women born in Muslim families but who do not follow such custom, these buildings are forbidding. The only religious buildings in this country that I have entered as an outsider are churches which in my experience are welcoming and non judgmental. If the Hippodrome is for the use of the whole community, which in my view it should be, it should not be any type of religious institution.

Comments for Planning Application 20/2988/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 20/2988/FUL

Address: The Hippodrome North End Road London NW11 7RP

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

Case Officer: Dominic Duffin

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The change to a mosque will dominate the area and change the characteristics of the area. On the minute it will become a mosque it will be only for Muslim's and no more concerts, public art for all people.

This huge place with 3000 seats is attracting parking that doesn't exist in this tight area, not speaking on heavy congestion till late hours which will impact the whole neighborhood of Golders Green. Not speaking that just now they are ignoring yellow lines and creating a one big mass and this is just the beginning when it is far from being fully active. The life here is going to be really bitter. Please do not allow this happen in our beautiful neighborhood.

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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 proposal is to change this building to a large capacity place of worship. The ramifications for transport (and the lack of car park spaces), the noise, and the traffic congestion on an already busy intersection which would block access to the Royal Free Hospital- are all points that would prove this not a well thought out usage for this Grade 2 listed 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. The promoters want it to be the largest Islamic centre in Europe. This listed building is an arts and performance centre for all and not for just one part of the community. It has been used for concerts, drama and dance performances and once it becomes a mosque the community won't be able to use it.

This would attract cars from across the UK and Europe and will cause traffic congestion and parking issues. Residents are already badly affected by the illegal parking and obstruction which will just be made significantly worse. The neighbourhood have already reported disturbances late at night from people slamming doors and engines revving.

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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: This is a Grade 2 listed building with usage for entertainment and culture. Changing to a mosque with capacity exceeding 3200 will devastate that protected usage completely. The implications for transport, environmental degradation, noise, disturbance, ambulance access to Royal Free Hospital, congestion and parking for the local community make this application untenable and indeed unconscionable.

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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 see no reason why this should not be approved, other than blatant racism/Islamophobia. What difference does it make, as long as they take care of the Listed structure? It was a "place of worship" under the Christian lot, it can be the same for the Muslims. The Christians were there for 10 years. The building has been a community space since it was built over a hundred years ago. It was never a "church" because the ground is not consecrated. So what's the problem with the Markaz being able to use it? It was a storage space for the BBC for four years. Does that mean it has to stay as a storage space?! Of course not! This is racism, pure and simple. There is no actual reason why not. This is the man you're being asked to listen to: "A SELF-STYLED "mosque buster", who boasts that he has blocked plans for 16 mosques across Britain, was once linked to the far-right English Defence League (EDL) and claims that Islam encourages paedophilia, sexual abuse and pimping. Gavin Boby, a planning lawyer from Bristol, urges his followers to undermine planning applications for mosques by raising their opposition with councils". Source: Sunday Times, 13 January 2013. Barnet is a multicultural borough and we are proud of that fact. The Markaz have every right to use the building as they wish/need. They came here to escape persecution by Saddam Hussein. We must protect their rights here. What signal are we sending if they are persecuted here too?! Don't let the bigots and racists take control of our borough via the planning system.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 01:07:21 -0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Object

Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the planning application to turn the Golders Green Hippodrome away from its Primary purpose, that of providing an entertainment venue par excellence for North West London. I have lived in the borough for 70 years and have seen the demise of all of the entertainment venues in the area, pushing them out to North Finchley; Swiss Cottage etc. The Hippodrome was a place of live entertainment, plays, concerts and Pantomime. I used to take my children there and it provided a unique opportunity for entertainment at all levels.

How have the mighty fallen. Barnet Council has overseen the total destruction of local entertainment in the area. The Gala Cinema in Brent Street closed in 1967 to become the Sentinel Square Shopping Centre. The closure of the Odeon cinema at the Quadrant in Hendon in 1979 was followed by its demolition and replacement with sheltered housing in 1981. The Odeon cinema in Temple Fortune, replaced by a block of flats in 1982; the Cannon / ABC cinema on Golders Green Road closed in 1987 to be replaced by residential accommodation for the elderly. The Gaumont / ABC cinema at Hendon Central closed its doors to cinema goers in 1997 when it converted to a Gym and then Health Club / Centre and finally, the nail in the coffin of local entertainment was the Ionic cinema, one of the first cinemas in the country, demolished to make way for a new Sainsbury's in 1979. The demolition was allowed by planning on the condition that Sainsbury incorporate a new cinema into the design of their new store. This was closed by Sainsbury's for extension of their supermarket in 1999. Planning was agreed for all of these situations for commercial considerations in spite of the detriment to the residents of the area. The Odeons had stages that had been used for shows e.g. The Odeon in Temple Fortune staged Pantomimes and other productions and famously put on the Gang Show each year which Her Majesty the Queen attended in 1972.

Only the Hippodrome remains. It should not be designated for one group, it should be available for all to enjoy, a cultural centre for everyone. It should have plays for young and old; school children should be able to learn from it the art of theatre, putting on their own plays perhaps. Repertory theatre should be invited back to put on productions in the environment for which the Hippodrome was created and functioned, not just in the West End of London where prices and the journey put many off from attending. The sound of the young should be encouraged to be heard and life brought back to the

building in an age where there is now a dearth of live entertainment anywhere accessible to the residents of the area, or even in the entirety of North London.

In 2005 plans were advanced for conversion of the building into a Jewish centre or an IT and media hub. Both applications were rejected by Barnet Council who stipulated that the building had to be retained for entertainment use only. However it was allowed to be taken over by a Church group provided that some live entertainment would be provided. No such entertainment resulted and the building was allowed to fall into disrepair. By 2018 the building was operating as a mosque.

Barnet Planning Department and the Council as a whole have failed to ensure their stipulations for Planning consent have been followed. Sainsbury's have ridden roughshod over the stipulation that the Ionic Cinema should be maintained whilst the Church group failed to adhere to the stipulation that entertainment should be provided from the Hippodrome.

Little is available for entertainment for the young in the area. Nothing is available for the older residents. It is for the Councillors and Planning Department of Barnet to call a halt to this wanton destruction and provide a safe and welcoming place for all of the residents of the area, the ones who pay the Council Taxes of Barnet and for whom few such amenities are being provided or encouraged. The Hippodrome exists as such an amenity, efforts should be made urgently to restore it and use it to its fullest potential for the Community as a whole.

Yours faithfully,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


From: 
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 01:32:41 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: OBJECT

PLANNING

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

NW9 4EW

RE: GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME,
LONDON NW11 7RP

Dear Sirs,

We would wish to object to the Hippodrome in NW11 to be converted to an Islamic place of worship. We would like to protect the existing local amenity of which we all benefit safeguarding the beloved Hippodrome.

We are objecting to it being used specifically as a place of worship being a huge edifice for one religious community only, be they Christian, Jewish or Muslim.

The Hippodrome is an outstanding artistic building of high craftsmanship with a long communal history for all, Indeed I have fond memories of this monumental building growing up in the area and would be sad to see it designated to just one particular group.

My strong feeling is that It should be continued as a centrepiece of the whole community.

It has been noted that that the area has suffered badly due to the noise and disturbance during the unauthorized use of the

Hippodrome and this will only be without a doubt, intensified should the Council grant planning consent.

In conclusion we strongly object and request you in no uncertain terms, not to grant planning permission as a place of worship.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 02:01:43 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Application 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to a change of use to a place of worship. Without other provision in place, West Heath Drive ("WHD") and the surrounding streets will become the de facto car park for the Hippodrome. From what we've seen when the centre was last opened, prior to the current restrictions being put in place, that's not a workable arrangement. It had a severe negative impact and caused an incredible amount of disruption to the area, with the increased traffic, congestion, noise, littering, disruption to the normal working of public transport, intimidating groups of young men hanging around, parking on driveways, blocking of driveways and parking on single and double yellow lines. The area is already congested with parked cars and traffic on WHD and the surrounding streets.

Apart from parking or related issues, to have such crowds and potential noise as was the case previously when the centre was open is not in my belief, conducive to a mainly residential area of Golders Green and certainly in my case, will not help my kids to get the sleep they need during school days.



Also, part of the issue with the new centre becoming a place of "worship" is that the influx of people from outside the local area would not be limited to one time of day or one day a week. The mosque would no doubt be running services and large events throughout the week, meaning the impact is ongoing, not just on Sundays or at particular times like it was for its previous use as a "church". The change of use proposed has wide implications that needs a much bigger consultation, thought and restrictions to be put in place to protect local residents from the huge extra number of cars that result. When the centre was a Christian church, the attendees of that church were of a much smaller number and were always considerate to the local area and residents. Also, the church was only used at limited times.

This new centre has already proven that a potential change to the use of the building is massively detrimental; that attendee numbers vastly increased; and that those attendees are completely inconsiderate of their impact to the local area. The use of the building as a mosque has already created a completely different and more disruptive pattern of use. This is not about the faith that is being practised at the Hippodrome, its about the fact that the congregation have already proved that they are incapable of being considerate toward the local community, and the management of the building are unable to mitigate the deterioration of the quality of life of the residents of this once charming and tranquil neighbourhood.

I also note that the vast majority of comments in support of this application seem to be from people who are not residents in the local area, which again propagates the fact that a granting of this application would attract a large influx of people from outside the local vicinity, rather than being of benefit to the local residents and community itself.

Your faithfully

[REDACTED]


NW11 

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:21 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW6 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:24 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NW1 [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

We are writing, [REDACTED] to support the planning permission application for The Markaz.

As an organisation that brings together Jews and Muslims, we feel strongly that Golders Green is a multifaith, open, welcoming community and that the Centre will contribute to its diversity.

Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. We have enjoyed running social action events with their members and enjoy spending time with people from different faiths and backgrounds.

The members mostly live locally and have escaped repression like so many Jewish people locally. There are parallels which bring us together.

We know that there are concerns about travel and parking but we know there is a Travel Plan that The Markaz group have submitted and who we believe shall endeavour to adhere to the changes recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

We welcome the decision by the Barnet Council of granting The Markaz the use of Hippodrome as specified in their application and look forward to many diverse and inclusive event by the Markaz.

Please consider this letter a sign of our support for The Markaz's planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

HA8

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:30 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:33 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
HA3 [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]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:37 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
WD6 [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 Jewish community and living in the neighbouring borough of Hertfordshire, 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]

HA3

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,

11/11/2011

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:44 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

I am writing to support the planning permission application for The Markaz

I am a member of the [REDACTED].

As an organisation that brings together Jews and Muslims, we feel strongly that Golders Green is a multifaith, open, welcoming community and that the Centre will contribute to its diversity.

Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. We have enjoyed running social action events with their members and enjoy spending time with people from different faiths and backgrounds.

The members mostly live locally and have escaped repression like so many Jewish people locally. There are parallels which bring us together.

We know that there are concerns about travel and parking but we know there is a Travel Plan that The Markaz group have submitted and who we believe shall endeavour to adhere to the changes recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

We welcome the decision by the Barnet Council of granting The Markaz the use of Hippodrome as specified in their application and look forward to many diverse and inclusive event by the Markaz.

Please consider this letter a sign of my support for The Markaz's planning application.

I am also a member of the [REDACTED] and members of our faith are persecuted in countries like Pakistan. However the UK allows us to practice our faith and anything that brings communities together is good.

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:47 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has lived in the borough my whole life, 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. I am deeply disturbed that a lawyer who is known as the "Mosque Buster" has been hired by a group to oppose their use of a building. The objection to the change of use from one religious building to a community space for another is grounded in a prejudice antithetical to the spirit of this borough. I want to add my voice in support of their application and, alongside my community and our neighbours around the borough, to stand against hate in all its forms.

I appreciate their travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz, and am excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used as a community space. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:49 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
WD19 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:52 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as an Iraqi, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:54 +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 Barnet Council resident, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:58:57 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW9 [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]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:00 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
E5 [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 [REDACTED], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:03 +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 [Barnet Council resident and/or member of X community], how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:05 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW10 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:08 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
CT9 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:10 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 06:59:24 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 08:31:32 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW7 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

This letter is written in relation to London NW7 [REDACTED] consultation 20/2988/FUL

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

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[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 08:31:35 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW7
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 17:24:11 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL

i am so confused you clearly state the names and addresses will be online and if thats the case i am affraid to put it up

so to be clear if there are no names - addresses or any other info then post it if not please leave it as i am afraid

Thanks

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 March 2021 14:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

Do you wish your comments to be logged?

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan
Planning Technician
Planning and Building Control
London Borough of Barnet
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BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2021 14:38
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL

Including name and address?

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:52:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

This is to let you know that in case of this application, the personal details will be kept confidential, although your comments could be made public if requested under Freedom of Information.

Could you please confirm if you still wish your comments to be logged.

Thank you

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2021 11:04
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL

Hi

It's [REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Just checking the address won't be published will it?

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:01:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to enable us to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 23:04
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: 20/2988/FUL

Hi

I am writing this as I see so many problems that can come from this Hippodrome turning into a large mosque, EVERY person I know that lives in Golders Green is against it just they feel their voice won't be heard so they give up, but I want to share concerns we discussed

Traffic - the traffic is already bad as it is and that will create more traffic making it harder to commute that's besides the pollution that this will create.

Parking - I struggle as it is to find parking around that are and this will just make it much worse.

Noise disturbance- this area was always quiet and peaceful that will for sure change.

Violence - this area is a very peaceful area and I am concerned that if god forbid there is a war in Israel that it might create anti-Semitism which may lead to violence and destroy our peaceful community.

So please listen to the people of Golders Green and let's keep this historic building and not upset the whole community.

I challenge you to knock on doors and ask people if they think it's good or bad for the area and see their response.

Thanks



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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Barnet Planning Service
Planning and Building Control
2 Bristol Avenue
Colindale
LONDON NW9 4EW

3 March 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL – The Hippodrome, North End Road, London NW11 7RP

I was surprised to receive your letter of 25 January concerning yet another planning application for a change of use for the Golders Green Hippodrome to allow a mosque. Given the strength of feeling generated by the original application and subsequent consultation, a Public Inquiry would seem the only way that the matter can be seen to be decided openly and fairly. The Council should therefore turn down this application and let the Inquiry take place as and when circumstances allow. I sympathise with the applicants who clearly want to find resolution; however, the pandemic affects us all and we must all learn to bide our time.

I am not religiously prejudiced and am not Jewish; however, it is clear that the proposal for a mosque in the middle of a long-established orthodox Jewish community could be construed as provocative.

A few further comments:

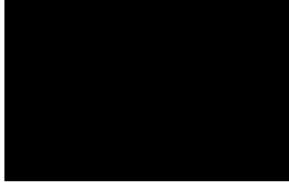
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3. The mosque and community centre will inevitably draw more traffic to an already polluted and frequently congested area; particularly in the evenings and at week-ends when people are less inclined to use public transport.
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5. The application appears to be for a much smaller congregation of worshippers (150) than was originally the case; however, given the size of The Hippodrome and previous non-compliance with the terms of use, there is no guarantee that the number would be adhered to. Allowing the application could be the thin end of the wedge and lead to further applications in the future to increase the congregation.
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I urge the council to turn down this application and allow it to go to Public Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Mike Freer

NW11

Barnet Planning Service
Planning and Building Control
2 Bristol Avenue
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LONDON NW9 4EW

4 March 2021

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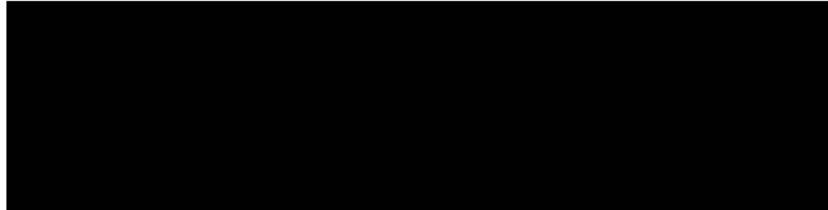
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Cc: Mike Freer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NW/11 [REDACTED]

3.3.2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to Golders Green Hippodrome becoming a large mosque.

1) There are no parking facilities, & the area around the Hippodrome would be full of people, noisy, & very congested.

2) The transport system would be affected as people would use it to get to the hippodrome.

3) It is the centre piece for the whole community of Golders Green & should be preserved for its history, design & architecture.

Yrs. sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 09:22:34 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: RE: Ref; 20/2988/FUL
Importance: Normal

Planning.consultation@barnet.gov.uk

Subject Re 20/2988/FUL

My home address is

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

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

Date: 08/03/2021 08:42 (GMT+00:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref; 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to enable us to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 16:34

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

Subject: Ref; 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs

I am writing to OBJECT to planning permission being granted to Golders Green Hippodrome.

The building is situated at a very narrow and vital crossroad / Transport hub, plus a vital road leading to the royal free Hospital.

Its intended use would because of the lack of parking would also bring inconvenience to those living nearby.

Sincerely

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Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 09:28:03 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
EN5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 09:30:01 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: RE: Object 20/2988/FUL

Dear Yasmeen,

Thanks for getting back. My home address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Best,

[REDACTED]

On 8 March 2021 at 08:39:17, Planning Consultation (planning.consultation@barnet.gov.uk) wrote:

[REDACTED]

We require your full home address in order to enable us to log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 20:11
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Object 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sir or Madam,

I herewith object against application ref 20/2988/FUL

The Golders Green Hippodrome is part of the unique development Hampstead Garden Suburb, which should be preserved as such. The area is underlying restrictions (in particular related to grade II listed buildings), but also as a whole development.

While it occupies a convenient position beside the tube which makes it accessible not only to the people of Golders Green, and the Garden Suburb, but to other suburbs connected with it by means of underground and buses, additional car-traffic will occur as happened during the unauthorised use. This has an extreme impact on the already busy square and will stretch out into the near quiet streets endangering not only occupants, in particular school children, but also the 100 year old buildings in the area, we are trying to protect. Many of them have single glazing. Pollution will take its toll not only on the inhabitants, but also the trees, hedges & plants.

The area was developed as a sanctuary by Henrietta Barnett more than 100 years ago and planned for everyone. Renowned theatre architect Bertie Crewe's masterpiece should be re-used as originally built for, as a theatre for everyone to enjoy its design & artistry. Coronavirus lockdown has shown the particular need to bring the community together to enjoy art, this historic building was designed for this purpose.

Please kindly keep me informed about this matter.

Kind regards,



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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 09:33:54 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: OBJECT - Application Reference 20/2988/FUL

My address;

[REDACTED]
Nw11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Mar 2021, at 8:36 am, Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

□Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 22:12
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECT - Application Reference 20/2988/FUL

I wish to object to the above mentioned application on the grounds that the Golders Green Hippodrome is an important building. Its history, its design, its artistry and craftsmanship make it unique in the area. Its shared use should be kept as a much loved space for all communities. It is probably the most important building in Golders Green and probably the most iconic.

With thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 09:35:24 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: object

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please let us know if this is OK

Best regards

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

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 22:55

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

Subject: Fwd: object

To whom it may concern.

This email is regarding the application ref number 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome London NW11 7RP

As a young resident of the affected area, I strongly object to the planning permission application above. My reasons are the following:

- the building in question will attract a huge amount of cars which will cause more pollution than there is already. This is due to the fact that it is a busy pedestrian area with a busy shopping area as well. The building is right next to Golders Green Bus Station and Underground Station. People using these amenities and the many residents of the area will be inhaling all the extra fumes (myself and my family included) emitted by the additional traffic.
- parking in the area is already very difficult and will be made even more so for residents. Whilst the building has been used without permission, I have heard that there have already been many instances where cars have been parked on double yellow lines and have blocked driveways.
- the increased traffic will cause an increase in danger for cyclists and walkers alike. Golders Green Road and Finchley Road are major arterial roads of the area, conveying traffic from the centre of town to the more northerly suburbs and boroughs of London. The intention to create a major Islamic Centre next to this busy intersection will lead to increased congestion and clogging up of the flow of traffic even during non peak hours.
- Golders Hill park nearby is supposed to be an escape from noisy London and the extra noise will spoil this island of tranquillity so necessary for mental health, especially in these times.
- the Hippodrome was a centre of culture for all and could be redeveloped to house exhibitions etc for the benefit of the entire community. If it were to be used only for the benefit of the Muslim community, the wider community will have lost a valuable resource.

I feel very strongly that the use of this building for an Islamic centre will be detrimental to the area for the above reasons and additionally I feel that placing controls on the use of the building for this purpose will not help to offset the concerns above. Proof of this is the fact that the controls of 2017 were not adhered to.

Many thanks for reading my email,

yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 09:48:34 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
N12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 10:02:44 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Object Golders Green hippodrome reference 20/2988/ful

[REDACTED] nw11



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On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 8:52 AM Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 14:21
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Object Golders Green hippodrome reference 20/2988/ful

Subject: Object Golders Green hippodrome reference 20/2988/ful

Dear Sirs

As a Golders Green resident for 40+ years I object to converting the Hippodrome to a 3200 capacity mosque. Firstly on the grounds of traffic and parking. It has a tiny car park and even if using public transport nextdoor for some it will not stop hundreds of cars at all hours especially as prayer times 5 various times of day means public transport will not be suitable.

We already experience a high volume of traffic and a shortage of parking in gg and that's for the residents of this borough. If planning would proceed it would attract an a lot of extra demand for parking and highly increase traffic for those attending services from outside the borough.

As this borough does not have a high Moslem population why does it need such a large place of worship.

It's a great shame that the Hippodrome is no longer being utilised for its intended purpose or something similar which would boost business for local businesses. There are a number of large church halls available to rent which would suit

Yours sincerely



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 10:37:12 +0000

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: OBJECT - Quote Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Dear Sirs,

Herein I put my objection to the Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL to convert Golders Green Grade II listed Hippodrome in the a 3200 capacity mosque that is planned by the organisers to be "among the largest Islamic Centres in Europe".

The location of the building as you know will create a huge traffic problems when hundreds (thousands?) people would attend the mosque. Level of highway obstruction and congestion in that very tight Golders Green tube road conjunction will be intolerable and will be blocking the entire area with the traffic waves spreading in all directions to Golders Green, Hampstead and other areas.


The level of pollution and noise will also be getting unbearable for the neighbourhoods in the area.


I firmly believe that the historic local amenity - the Hippodrome - a) should be serving the entire community, not just Muslim faith and b) it should be planned and approved for usage based on consultation with the local population and taking into account the local road, traffic, buildings infrastructure to provide new level of services to the local community and not to overburden their life and make it unbearable.

Thanks a lot for your consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]



From: 
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 10:49:26 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: OBJECT REF; 20/2988/FUL

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On Mon, 8 Mar 2021, 08:40 Planning Consultation,
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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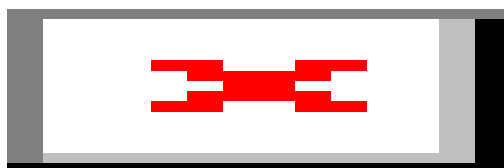
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 18:21
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECT REF; 20/2988/FUL

To Whom It May Concern

I have lived in the northwest London area many years and grew up with the iconic Golders Green Hippodrome where I was treated on many occasions to some wonderful entertainment. It has proudly and majestically been serving the community as a performance and entertainment venue attracting all communities which makes it so unique. It can be easily accessed by public transport, making it a very attractive venue for multicultural events/exhibitions/shows/theatre and serve the wider community at large.

This magnificent much-loved building which is the pride of Golders Green, with its history, design, artistry, and craftsmanship, must be made accessible to **everyone** in the community to enjoy and benefit from and not one particular sector as the planning suggests.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:01:34 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: RE: Object to the plans for Golders Green Hippodrome
Importance: Normal

Dear Yasmeen Kahn

My name is

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW2 [REDACTED]

With thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Date: 08/03/2021 08:41 (GMT+00:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Object to the plans for Golders Green Hippodrome

Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 18:15
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Object to the plans for Golders Green Hippodrome

Dear Sir

7th March 2021

Re: Object

To the plans to turn Golders Green Hippodrome, NW11 7RP, into a large mosque
Application Reference Number: 20/2988/FUL

As a local resident my first objection is that the Hippodrome is an historic building with long use by the local community. Such a lovely building should be available for use by all sections of the community as an amenity centre - not for only one religious group. It should be the centrepiece for many local groups that would benefit from the use of such a building. Planning laws protect the use of such historic buildings.

The application states that the mosque organisers would like the centre 'To be amongst the largest Islamic centres in Europe'. This sounds to me like gross overuse of the site which would create noise, congestion, pollution and parking problems. It is wrong that the area should be regularly swamped with people from outside the locality and would change the nature of the neighbourhood.

I would appreciate your taking these important points into consideration.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 11:03:48 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Object

Thank you
Re my objection to planning permission for the Hippodrome
My details are as follows

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

On Wed, 3 Mar 2021 at 17:20, Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear Sirs,

For your comment to be considered with application 20/2988/FUL you will need to provide your name, surname and full address.

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

Kind regards,

Gemma Apan
Senior Technician – Planning & Street Naming and Numbering
London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 March 2021 10:54
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Object

Dear Sir,

I am most concerned about the proposal to turn the iconic Hippodrome into 'one of the largest Islamic Centres in Europe'.

As a very long term resident of this area, I can well remember being taken to the Hippodrome as a child to see pre West End productions of many shows, including 'The Gang Show' (Scouts and Guides), Gilbert and Sullivan operas, pantomimes and many others. It was also, for some time, the home of one of the BBC's orchestras.

The point of these recollections is to show that they were for the benefit and enjoyment of all, and not limited to one particular group as is the intention now. I call that grossly unfair to local residents, indeed to Londoners in general. I would like to think that one day some of these amenities may return, albeit in a different form. After all, that was the undoubted original intention of the building - public enjoyment !

Golders Green, while not being exactly a rural area, nevertheless has a certain atmosphere of suburbia about it which is cherished by residents and visitors alike and has just about enough traffic and vital activity to suit. It simply cannot accommodate the huge

extra footfall which this proposal would undoubtedly generate. Already parking is a just about manageable issue and the extra noise and disturbance created would be intolerable - some of it I gather, would be late at night. The extra pollution caused would certainly fly in the face of the emerging demand and need for greener, cleaner air.

The residents of the roads opposite The Hippodrome have already found parking and noise difficult to deal with during its unauthorised use. This could only intensify if this planning permission is approved.

Planning laws are meant to protect the value and importance of a building such as The Hippodrome. Its history, its design, artistry and superb interior craftsmanship all cry out for keeping it as a shared space for the community and not just for the benefit of one particular group.

Please remember too, that the area where The Hippodrome stands, is still very much a residential one, and includes blocks of flats as well as private houses. It goes without saying that having such a proposal approved would change the very nature of the area well into the future, to the decided disadvantage of those residents. It's a hugely unfair proposition.

On all these grounds and probably several others, I ask you, as a matter of urgency to reject this planning application.

Sincerely

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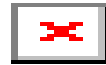
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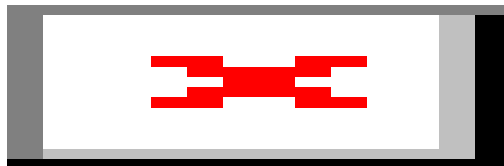
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 18:53

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

Subject: RE: Planning Objection 20/2988/FUL.

To whom it may concern,

After only recently discovering that our wonderful BBC Hippodrome building on North End Road in Golders Green, will possibly turned into a Mosque?

I write to 'STRONGLY' OBJECT.

I have been a resident of NW11 for 25 years and I find this Completely UNACCEPTABLE.

I live within sight of the BBC centre and from my previous experience, received Nothing but 'Inconsiderate' behaviour from the attendees at the Mosque.

Traffic came to a Standstill and attendees parked on private residents driveways, without permission..

'NOT ACCEPTABLE'.

The building only has a very small car park and our neighbourhood simply cannot handle the amount of people who visit the planned mosque.

This building is also a site of British heritage. It should be protected.. and respected.

I Trust our council will NOT Permit this plan to allow to alter out beloved landmark and respect its residents.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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I'm writing just to let you know of my support for the Markaz community turning the hippodrome into a mosque, / all purpose religious space. I am a member of Finchley progressive synagogue and, and I feel strongly the need for integration and friendship between communities, particularly the muslim community that is being targeted at the moment unfairly / for political reasons. I've lived in Barnet my whole life and see it as a beautifully cosmopolitan place that is strengthened by the interrelationships of the communities here, and there is no reason at all to deny this ethical and sincere group of people a place of worship. I feel that this would be an excellent use of the building and there is a strong sense within my own Jewish community of the merits of the project. Thankyou for considering my point of view,

15 JANUARY 2005

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:32:07 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
EN5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, as a [Barnet Council resident and member of the [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:32:10 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
RH16 [REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:32:19 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:32:22 +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, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

I am extremely proud that Barnet is such a diverse area and a place for many different religious communities, I am not Jewish or Muslim. There has recently been a new synagogue on Golders Green Road which I was happy to see built as I was for my many Jewish neighbours to worship in the front gardens during the first lockdown. The hippodrome has been used for Orchestra and Christian faith groups. I do not see why the building being used for Muslims should be considered differently.

I was very upset when I got the official looking flyer for the group opposing the application as I feel they have spread misinformation amongst local residents.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a Barnet Council resident, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz. It is a sad reflection on the Hippodrome that it no longer has a central role in Golders Green. Previously it was a Christian place of worship and it brought many people into Golders Green to contribute to our local economy. I would welcome it becoming a Muslim place of worship and once again adding something to our local economy, especially as we emerge from this costly pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:40:58 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
SE15 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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I am writing to let you know, as a fellow Londoner, 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. 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, and I'm excited that a Barnet building with such historic and physical prominence will once again be used. Please consider this letter a sign of my support for the planning application.

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Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 11:59:51 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
GU21 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 12:06:09 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Golders Green Hippodrome- Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL-
Objection

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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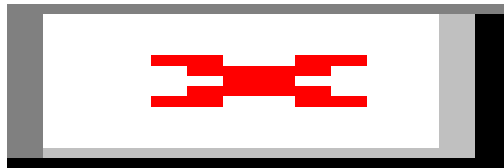
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 March 2021 12:20

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

Subject: Golders Green Hippodrome- Application Reference: 20/2988/FUL- Objection

Hello

I have learnt of the proposed planning application to turn the Hippodrome into a 3,200 capacity mosque or Islamic Cultural Centre.

The Hippodrome is an iconic building in the Golders Green community and should be renovated and maintained for its existing use as a performance and entertaining space for the whole community not just one small group within that community. It would fundamentally change the character of the area if this planning permission were granted and **I object to it.**

The influx of such a large number of visitors to attend this proposed Centre would create traffic issues, congestion and added pollution and as a place of worship this detriment to the local community would be regular and continuous.

Please accept this email as our fundamental objection to this Planning Application. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

Your sincerely

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Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 12:06:13 +0000
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Subject: RE: OBJECT

Home address: [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Date: 08/03/2021 08:37 (GMT+00:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OBJECT

Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 21:48

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

Subject: OBJECT

Re: Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL

Good evening

I am writing as a resident of Golders Green to STRONGLY object to the planned mosque at Golders Green station. I am not islamophobic however I am genuinely nervous when

there are large crowds of muslims together, especially when Israel is engaged in a war and political tension is high.

It is no secret that Golders Green is London's most overtly Jewish suburb and I think it would be a grave error to place a muslim centre of worship here if you value peace and quiet. You would not place the mosque in the middle of a hindu area either, these two groups are religiously offensive to eachother and it would be inviting trouble. Please do not let the dog loose in the hen house!

Thank you for considering this view.



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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 12:57:51 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: objection ref 20/2988/ful

I live at [REDACTED] nw11 [REDACTED] i take objection it will create massive traffic accident increase pollution

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 12:59:34 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

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

[REDACTED]
Dear Barnet Council

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]
NW7 [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, how much I support planning permission for our neighbours, the Markaz.

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Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Dear Barnet Council

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

I am writing to let you know, both as a long time Barnet Council resident and as a member of a local Jewish 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.

The Markaz community originate from Iraq. Many were refugees from Saddam Hussein's regime. They deserve our support and welcome. For thirty years they have met as a community in Barnet.

I am saddened that a man who describes himself as the "Mosque Buster" is opposing their use of a building.

I oppose hate in all its forms.

The travel and parking issues are relevant, but a red herring in this situation. The Hippodrome by its very nature has had, and will have, many visitors, regardless of who uses it.

Hippodrome has been a theatre, a concert hall and a church. The implication behind the parling objections are that there should be no visitors to the Hippodrome and therefore there should not be such a building in this place. Because if the Hippodrome has a right to be here, it has a right to be used.

In fact there is an adequate a travel plan which explains how people will visit the Markaz.

Barnet council should be pleased that this historic building will once again be used and should want to find a way to support that use.

It will help regenerate the declining Golders Green centre. .

I support the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 13:07:11 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: 20/2988/FUL | Use as a Place of Worship (D1 use) and for ancillary community uses, public conferences and performances | The Hippodrome North End Road London NW11 7RP

Hi

Thank you for your email.

I am glad for my comments to be logged, however I would like to have my name and address withheld from the public view. If this is possible, please go ahead and log it. However, if my personal details need to be displayed for all to view, please do not log my comments.

My property number is [REDACTED].

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 8 Mar 2021 at 08:33, Planning Consultation
<Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear Sir/Madam

In order to have complete address, could you please provide your property number, so we can then log your comments.

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 23:06

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

Subject: 20/2988/FUL | Use as a Place of Worship (D1 use) and for ancillary community uses, public conferences and performances | The Hippodrome North End Road London NW11 7RP

Dear Sir/Madam

In regards to the application in the subject, please see my comments below.

I pass this site twice a day, almost every day. I am very worried of the proposed changes to the site listed in the application for the following reasons.

1. The building and its character should be a joy to all communities not just one part of it. It will remove the choice for communities to host performances, events and otherwise be used as a neutral community centre for all, and will irreversibly damage the buildings heritage.

2. The number of people for a small area with minimal parking will - whether you intend it to or not, and think they'll use public transport - actually attract hundreds of cars to a limited space. It will cause traffic obstructions and horrifying congestion in an already congested area. It's unrealistic to believe that the members of this suggested mosque will all be using public transport when the reality is many will be using cars. With most of the surrounding areas permit holders the drivers of these cars will have no choice but to obstruct traffic or even park in restricted areas.

I also ask you to consider the amount of pollution this kind of congestion would add to the area. The suggested closing hour of 23.30 will also mean many won't even have the option to use public transport due to closing hours of the tube.

3. As the suggested closing hours are 23.30 the noise pollution and disturbance to the immediate and surrounding areas will be unbearable and highly uncomfortable for local residents. If it only closes at 23.30, noise will continue much past midnight. This is a quiet, family area and this would be a huge disturbance and repel families from settling in the area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NW11 [REDACTED]

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To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: objection to planning application - 20/2988/FUL

Thanks Yasmeen, much appreciated

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Mar 2021, at 08:54, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

□

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to let you know that your personal details will be kept confidential.

Hope this is helpful

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2021 15:17
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: objection to planning application - 20/2988/FUL

Hi Yasmeen

that is [REDACTED]. For protection purposes I would not want a full address shown known online. I hope you understand.

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From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: 07 March 2021 08:00

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

Subject: objection to planning application - 20/2988/FUL

All

Please receive our objection for the planning application for:

20/2988/FUL - Goldersgreen Hippodrome, North End Road London NW11 7RP

We are concerned as this centre is described as a substantial place and the area already being quite impacted would further be distorted by noise, traffic, many people gathering. this is not the place nor the building. Rules need to be followed.



NW11

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Subject: Objection to proposed planning application ref: 20/2988 FUL - NW11 7RP

To:Planning Consultation

Subject: Objection to proposed planning application ref: 20/2988 FUL - NW11 7RP

The building is located close to my residential home on [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED] and I am extremely concerned about the impact this will have on us.

For the aforementioned reasons, I sincerely hope the committee will refuse the above planning application.

NW11

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 08 Mar 2021 13:54:58 +0000 (UTC)
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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N3 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From: 

Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 08:57:53 -0500

To: Planning Consultation

Subject: Object- application ref- 20/2988/FULRe: Golders Green Hippodrome

London NW11 7RP

I object to the Golders Green Hippodrome being converted into a 3200 seat capacity mosque.

Parking in the local area is already virtually impossible as well as there frequently being traffic backups in the area. If this goes through, I will then be forced to shop elsewhere and not be able to support our local shops. I imagine this would apply to many others as well and would cause the face of our community to change drastically as well as being a great inconvenience to the residents that live here.

Another area of great concern is access to the Royal Free Hospital. Access to the hospital goes straight past the Hippodrome. With prayers taking place on a regular basis, it would add much time onto the short trip to the Royal Free Hospital and cause much additional stress to the patients that are already in a state of stress regarding their ill health.

Please take the above points into consideration.

With much thanks,



NW11

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 14:05:30 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Reference no: 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

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To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: Reference no: 20/2988/FUL

We refer to the Golders Green Hippodrome, London, NW11 7RP.

We are most concerned that if the proposed extension of the Hippodrome site goes ahead, it will cause an enormous environmental, traffic and noise problem to the whole area. As a result we strongly object to this application.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Planning Application CONSULTATION 20/2988/FUL

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]
Dear Barnet Council

We are writing to support the planning permission application for The Markaz

As an organisation that brings together Jews and Muslims, we feel strongly that Golders Green is a multifaith, open, welcoming community and that the Centre will contribute to its diversity.

Barnet is a place for many different religious communities. We have enjoyed running social action events with their members and enjoy spending time with people from different faiths and backgrounds.

The members mostly live locally and have escaped repression like so many Jewish people locally. There are parallels which bring us together.

We know that there are concerns about travel and parking but we know there is a Travel Plan that The Markaz group have submitted and who we believe shall endeavour to adhere to the changes recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

We welcome the decision by the Barnet Council of granting The Markaz the use of Hippodrome.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 14:33:44 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: 20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NW4 [REDACTED]

8 March 2021

Planning

London Borough of Barnet

2 Bristol Avenue

London

NW9 4EW

Dear Sirs

20/2986/FUL

Golders Green Hippodrome, London NW11 7RP

I write to object to the above planning application.

Whilst there is no objection to the use of these premises as a mosque, I fear for the amount of increased traffic using this site at all times of the day, especially in the evenings as well as increasing the noise.

There is very little parking available nearby and already local residents are inconvenienced by illegal parking on double yellow lines and so on..

Whilst I am sure that the leaders of the mosque will welcome all comers to prayer, it is still the loss of an amenity which used to benefit all residents.

Yours faithfully

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 14:55:36 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: OBJECT ton20/2988/FUL Golders Green Hippodrome NW11 7RP

Hello,
I object on the following grounds:
Traffic congestion
Over crowding of public transport
Pollution
Noise
Illegal parking
Use by one religious community
Loss of the venue as a performance and entertainment space
Regards,

[REDACTED]
NW11 [REDACTED]



I am worried about the changes these changes will make to the area in which I live. I am mainly worried about the increase in traffic and noise in the area, in addition to possible unrest in a calm neighborhood.

Yours faithfully,

NW11

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 15:00:27 +0000
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: OBJECTION

Sorry, address is : [REDACTED], NW11 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

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From: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:54:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OBJECTION

[REDACTED]

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

Thank you

Kind regards

Yasmeen Khan

Planning Technician

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2021 14:38
To: Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@Barnet.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECTION

Dear Sirs,

Re Application Ref: 20/2988/FUL

I wish to register most strongly my objection to the above planning application concerning the Golders Green Hippodrome.

Already there is traffic congestion and noise and road obstructions and long traffic delays in the area where I live due to unauthorised use of the Hippodrome as a place of worship. The Hippodrome is a valued resource for all residents, and there are already places of worship for all

faiths in the area. The proposed use of the Hippodrome as □The largest Islamic centre in Europe□ with its associated extra pressure on local public services and resources is unacceptable.

Yours faithfully,

██████████, NW11 ██████████

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 10:02:10 -0500
To: Planning Consultation
Subject: Re: Objection to 20/2988/FU application

Full home address is [REDACTED] NW11 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 8, 2021, at 9:53 AM, Planning Consultation <Planning.Consultation@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

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> □ Dear Madam

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

>

> Thank you

>

> Kind regards

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>

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

> From: [REDACTED]

> Sent: 08 March 2021 14:49

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

> Subject: Objection to 20/2988/FU application

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> Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to strongly object to the application above - regarding the plans for the Golders Green Hippodrome. There is already a huge amount of traffic and parking difficulties around this area and having this building used for the purposes requested is completely impractical.

> I oppose these plans.

> Sincerely,

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> [REDACTED] NW11

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