

You've said... and we've listened

Feedback from the Hulton Area Forum on 19 th October 2017			
No	Issue	Department	Response
1.	<p>Q6. A number of residents raised concerns about activities at Ummah Welfare Trust and the possibility of increased activity as a result of a recent planning approval for a change of use of part of the building. This included a request for further information on a traffic management plan.</p> <p>A6. Councillor Whitehead reported that the change of use of part of the building had been approved through the Council's planning process and Councillor Parkinson confirmed that the Planning Department had followed the correct legal processes.</p> <p>Councillor Shaikh agreed to visit the nearby residents to assist with issues and to talk to the organisation.</p>	Planning	<p>Ummah Welfare trust</p> <p>The highways impact of the proposal was considered as follows:</p> <p>Local residents have raised concerns that there is insufficient car parking provided within the site. This issue is exacerbated by the mix of uses located at the Hulton Lane/St Helens Road junction (that is, existing houses, two hot food takeaways and a local shop) combined with existing parking restrictions.</p> <p>Whilst there have been a few occurrences when large numbers of people have visited the property, these are isolated incidents. It is not the intention of the owners to have large numbers of employees/volunteers/members of the public coming and going from the site all through the night. The size of the property also limits the numbers of people which can be accommodated within the building.</p> <p>The applicant has provided a planning statement which provides a breakdown of travel patterns of patrons using the facility along with the modal split towards sustainable travel patterns. Scaling of the submitted site plan shows that the area of the Exhibit/ Seminar/Multi-Use area is approximately 42m² (based on the printed drawing size/scale). The Council's maximum parking standards for this type of D1-</p>

	<p>It was agreed to forward the request for details of the parking management plan referred to the planning application to the planning department and feedback.</p>		<p>Non-Residential Use (Place of Worship) is 1 per 5 m2 which based on the calculated floor area would equate to approximately 8 spaces. Acting on this information and the site's reasonable accessibility to sustainable transport modes and the surrounding residential catchments, the number of parking spaces associated with the existing facility should be sufficient to cater for this use.</p> <p>It also must be considered that this is primarily an additional facility for local residents thus many of the people who use this facility travel to the site by foot minimising impacts upon car parking provision within the area.</p> <p>The Council's Highways Engineers have confirmed they have no objections based on the information submitted.</p> <p>It is therefore considered that there is adequate car parking provision within the site.</p> <p>As it was considered sufficient parking was available on site it was not considered appropriate to request a car parking management plan.</p> <p>The decision notice can be found on the application file.</p>
2	<p>A question was asked about why the give way sign at Plodder Lane cost £1400? Could a full breakdown of the costs be provided.</p>	Highways	<p>A complete breakdown cannot be given due to commercial sensitivities but the elements of cost are:</p> <p>Highways Works. (Materials/Labour etc.)</p> <p>Regional Electricity Company Connections (National Rates)</p> <p>Maintenance</p>