

## **DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH & PROSPERITY**

**ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning**

**REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**TITLE: Petition regarding Full Planning Application for Change of use from former public house into Islamic Education Centre and Mosque with ancillary living accommodation and erection of single storey rear extension at 45 Railway Road, Darwen, BB3 2RJ**

**(Ref: 10/16/1124)**

**Applicant: Mr Manir Ahmed**

**Ward: Sunnyhurst**

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<b>Councillor Dave Smith</b>	
<b>Councillor Brian Taylor</b>	
<b>Councillor Pete Hollings</b>	

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### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of a petition, a copy of which is available in Democratic Services.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS**

2.1 Planning application reference 10/6/1124 was submitted to the planning authority on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Consent is sought for Change of use from former public house into Islamic Education Centre and Mosque with ancillary living accommodation and erection of single storey rear extension.

2.2 Public consultation letters were issued on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016. A re-consultation was undertaken with neighbours and statutory consultees on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 following an amendment to the scheme.

2.3 A 395 named petition supporting the proposed development was received on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 reading:

*"I am a member of the general public and I have no objections to the application to change the railway pub to an Islamic centre/mosque. I support and strongly believe it will be highly beneficial for the young Muslim public to gain the opportunity to attend Islamic teachings locally as well as all other Muslim members to attend the daily prayers"*

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the petition.

4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 None

5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER** – Nazia Ali Rizvi (585344)

6.0 **DATE PREPARED** –.20<sup>th</sup> November 2016