

DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

ORIGINATING SECTION: PLANNING

REPORT TO: PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 18th MARCH 2021

**TITLE: PETITION REGARDING: Planning Application 10/20/0709
“Proposed Three Storey Playing Courts” at Jamiatul Illm Wal Huda,
Moss Street, Blackburn, BB1 5JT**

**WARD: AUDLEY & QUEENS PARK - Councillors: MARYAM BATAM, YUSUF
JAN VIRMANI, SALIM SIDAT**

**LITTLE HARWOOD & WHITEBIRK – Councillors: MUSTAFA DESAI,
PAT McFALL, ABDUL SAMAD PATEL**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

2.1 A planning application for full planning permission for a three storey playing court at Jamiatul Illm Wal Huda, Moss Street, Blackburn. The application was received 17th November 2020.

2.2 Individual letters of notification were posted on the 18th November 2020, with a site notice displayed on the 27th November 2020.

2.3 A petition containing 19 individual names was received on the 23rd February 2021. The petition sets out the signatories support for planning application 10/20/0709 on the following grounds;

- *The existing open court is an inadequate outdoor facility. Students currently play on an open court and within the car park*
- *Current noise levels are minimal*
- *The new facility will minimise/muffle the noise and students will no longer need to play within the car park, which is in closer proximity to dwellings*
- *The ground floor level will be utilised for overspill parking during Friday prayers and will be managed by trained marshals*
- *The design of the new facility would be a great architectural contribution to our local area*
- *In summary, as immediate residents, we fully support the scheme and will not be affected by the potential amenity issues raised on behalf of us.*

- 2.4 Members are advised that the planning application remains under consideration.
- 3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**
- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the petition and that the lead petitioner be informed that their comments will be taken into account when the application is determined.
- 4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 4.1 None
- 5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER** – Martin Kenny, Principal Planner – Ext. 5639.
- 6.0 **DATE PREPARED** – 3rd March 2021
- 7.0 **REFERENCE** – G&D/P/MK/10/20/0709