

Democratic Services  
Floor 2  
Old Town Hall  
Blackburn  
BB1 7DY

26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Reference: 10/22/0933

Petition against the change of use to the property of 40 Leach Street from a residential to non-residential building.

Summary: The purpose of this petition is to highlight the number of local residents who will be directly affected by the proposed change of use.

The main objections to the above is the risk to road safety and safety to pedestrians.

1. Double yellow lines are immediately outside and opposite the above property.
2. The road is used as a cut through for emergency services, taxis and other vehicles making this a busy street.
3. There is no immediate safe or legal dropping off points for up to 80 students over two classes (40 per class) without parents double parking, parking illegally and blocking the road access.
4. There is no provision for staff parking other than taking up a residents parking spot outside their home, there is currently a lack of parking for residents and adding to this will only cause more congestion.
5. There are also concerns for the safety of children and other pedestrians trying to cross the road with a higher volume of additional cars transporting students to and from classes. The area has a mix of middle aged, disabled, and elderly residents who struggle safely cross the road in a normal daily setting. The street lighting is not very good and making visibility difficult for drivers during the evening time. The extra footfall will create an additional hazard to this situation.
6. In case of an emergency evacuation the positioning of up to 40 students plus staff on the roadside could cause an additional hazard and safety issue.

**Planning Reference:** 10/22/0933 Petition Against the Proposed change of use to 40 Leach Street Blackburn, BB2 3SE; from residential dwelling to non-residential educational facility (Use class F1) as a Madressa.

I Sharon Collins of 155, Rockcliffe Street, Blackburn, BB2 3AT, wish to be recognised as the petition organiser. My contact details are as follows [REDACTED] if you wish for further information or to correspond with me. I respectfully decline to have my personal details publicly published.

Please find attached along with this covering letter the petition that has been signed and supported by local residents over the last two days, who will be directly impacted by this planning proposal.

Your faithfully

Sharon Collins