

DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning

REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee 19th October 2023

TITLE: Petition supporting an application for a Section 73 application for the following development:

'Removal of condition No.6 pursuant to planning application 10/21/0628 'Retrospective planning application for two storey detached Islamic Education Centre' – Ref: 10/23/0482, at

**New Mosque Building
Land at rear of Whitehead Street & Foxhouse Street
Blackburn**

WARD: Wensley Fold

Councillor: Qesir Mahmood

Councillor: Sabahat Imtiaz

Councillor: Dave Harling

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of a petition supporting a current Section 73 application relating to the removal of condition No.6 - "*There shall be no external amplified call to prayer from the premises*". pursuant to planning application 10/21/0628 '*Retrospective planning application for two storey detached Islamic Education Centre*' The application premises is the New Mosque Building, Land at rear of Whitehead Street & Foxhouse Street, Blackburn

1.2 The application is submitted by The Committee Secretary.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

2.1 The planning application (Ref: 10/23/0482) was received by the Council on 5th June 2023, and was subsequently validated on 4th August 2023. 124 notification letters were sent to the occupants and residents of the closest adjacent properties. The statutory 21 day consultation period expired on 26th August 2023 for those letters. A site notice was also displayed outside of the site on 10th August 2023, which expired on 4th September 2023.

2.2 One public objection has been received so far. The objection raised predominantly relates to the potential for adverse noise impacts to be caused by the proposed development.

2.3 The petition was received by the Council on 1st August 2023 as part of a Planning Statement, which has been prepared by Urban Future Planning Consultancy. The petition supports the application yet no reasoning is provided by the signatories. Sheets containing 163 signatures have been received. The petition is attached to this report. Members are advised in the supporting Planning Statement at paragraph 4.3. it states:

“....the applicant has confirmed there is solid, widespread local support for the installation of an amplified call for prayer (Azan/Adhan) following on from a number of high-profile examples of the Azan/Adhan being sounded across the UK.”

2.4 Members are advised that assessment of the planning application is ongoing. All material issues that must be considered in the decision-making process will be addressed during the course of the application.

2.5 Once finalised, the Officer Report will be forwarded to the Committee Chairman to clarify whether or not the application should be referred to Planning and Highways Committee for determination. The agreed deadline expires on 23rd October 2023.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the petition be noted by Members and that the lead petitioner be informed of any decision taken, including the outcome of the application.

4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 The petition subject of this report, including signatures and comments.

4.2 Planning application 10/23/0482.

5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER:** Christian Barton, Planning Officer, Development Management.

6.0 **DATE PREPARED:** 2nd October 2023

Signed Petition in support of an amplified call to prayer system at Al Buraq, Devonport Road, Blackburn

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
	159 Addison Street	
	16 BELLEVUE ST	
	47 Rillin	
	174 Addington	
	34 ST. BARNABAS	
	45 WHITEHEAD ST	
	8 LIVINGSTONE RD	
	16 WHITEHEAD ST BIBBULY	
	28 ST BARNABAS STREET	
	157 Ann St.	
	49 Devonport Rd	
	11 Redstone Place	
	26 GARDNER	
	38 ST BARNABAS STREET	

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	145 Johnston St	
	53 Whitehead Lane	
	41 Whitehead	
	143 Johnston St	
	65 Spring Lane	
	25 Ramey St	
	144 FUSION MILL RD	
	171 ADDISON ST BLACKBURN	
	32 Whitehead & Creek	
	10 BERT COLE	
	8 TOWN TOWN Bonn St. Bell Vice	
	11 CHELTHAM	

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	145 Johnson St	
	53 Cozhead Lane	
	41 Cozhead	
	143 Johnson St	
	65, 20000 plaza	
	25 Remy St	
	1044 Preston N6-2 RD	
	M. H. H. H.	
	171 Addison St Blackburn	
	32 Whitehead 6 Fleet	
	10 Bury Col	
	5 TRINITY Road 11. Bell Voss	
	1. Cliffham	

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NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
	6 Lois Place	
	56 Bownes Hill	
	49 Bownes St	
	6 Coors wood	
	30 Witham St BB2 3HG	

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	3 Chertton St	
	25 Maitland Street	
	91, 28th place	
	22 Chertton St	
	107 Maitland St	
	18 SAUNDERS ROAD	
	100 JONES LANE	
	1200 Maitland	
	69 SHAW ST BIBURN	
	61 Shaw St Biburn	
	33 Shaw St	
	59 Henrietta St	