From:
To: DCAdmin
Subject: Masjid Abu Bakr/Lees Hall Playgroup building
Date: 25 October 2022 00:47:17

Dear planning committee,

I am writing in regards to the planning application number 2021/93689.

We are highly disappointed by the lack of communication and consideration of the Council. In light of previous attempts to close down the Masjid Abu Bakr/Lees Hall Playgroup building, the Council have once again failed to take into consideration the concerns of the community. The constant proposal to purchase the building is unacceptable and their inability to provide a suitable, safe building without the risk of damage, in exchange for the building is outrageous.

Although we have not been given the time to sufficiently express ourselves, the reasons behind our anger are limitless. We refuse to give up easily on our Masjid and we will most definitely stay by this til the end. The Masjid/nursery building is an essential asset to our community, meeting the religious, social and educational needs of the residents and providing vital early years care to our next generation. The location of this building is also such that car emissions and pollution is under control as it is within walking distance of many people who access the service. However, in the case of relocating it, this would not be the case as there are no other masjids or nurseries within the area. Therefore, it is highly infuriating that the Council are aiming to abolish this without any intention of relocating these vital facilities.

As much as we understand that the Council are trying to accommodate the housing needs of families within the area, it is not appropriate to force a compromise in doing so, as the purposes served by this community building are equally as important. We would therefore appreciate it if they could finally accept and come to terms with the status quo and make adjustments to their developmental plans in order to avoid causing distress to a great proportion of the community.

Kind regards,