

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management****2024/91592 Madressah Muhammadiyah Ghausia, 111, Dark Lane, Batley, WF17 7PW****Erection of extension and alterations****Date Responded: 28-11-2024.****Responding Officer: Mark Berry.****Responding Ref: 14-11SE-3.**

This application seeks approval to the erection of an extension and alterations at Madressah Muhammadiyah Ghausia, 111, Dark Lane, Batley.

The application site is located at the junction of Purwell Lane and Dark Lane next to Purlwell Infant and Nursey School.

The proposal is to extend the Mosque over the existing car park to the rear.

The proposed extension will more than double the size of the two Prayer Halls at the ground and first floor level. This will significantly increase the capacity of the two Prayer Halls increasing the number of potential worshippers and therefore increasing the potential for traffic generation and on-street parking demand.

Undercroft off-street parking is shown to the lower ground floor level with access presumably from Markham Street which runs to the rear of the site. No details of the existing or proposed parking layouts are provided, however it is considered that the proposed 10 pillars required to support the extended building would reduce the capacity of the car park compared to the existing arrangements.

Any additional on-street parking at the busy Purwell Lane and Dark Lane junction because of the increase in the capacity of the Prayer Halls or because of displaced parking due to the potential reduction in existing off-street parking spaces would not be in the best interests of highway safety.

Given that the application site is located at the busy Purwell Lane and Dark Lane junction next to the Purlwell Infant and Nursey School and the proposals increase the prayer hall capacity whilst potentially reducing the numbers of off-street parking spaces Highways Development Management would recommend refusal of these proposals on highway safety grounds.

