

About the application

Application number: 2025/91019	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from village hall F2(b) to mosque F1(f)
Address of the site or building:	Fartown Village Hall, Ball Royd Road, Fartown, Huddersfield, HD2 1AN
Postcode:	

User comments

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<p>Good Afternoon, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application, please find my comments below:</p> <p>There has never been a mosque/ place of worship in the Ashbrow ward. Based on 2021 Population Census for Ashbrow ward, there is approx 8,200 Christians with 9 churches within the ward, approx 850 Sikhs with 1 temple within the ward and approx 3500 Muslims and with no mosques within the Ashbrow ward.</p> <p>Over the past 3 years we the Muslim community have hired Chestnut Centre/ Northfield hall for 6 Eid celebrations, 3 Ramadans, and weekly Friday Jummah prayer, and 1 daily prayer. These have been successful in which the local community held special gathering with the Muslim and non Muslim community.</p> <p>There is a great need for a place of worship and place for the Muslim community to connect, including their friends who are non Muslims.</p> <p>Most attendees are within walking distance.</p> <p>The Fartown village hall is not on the main highway, which will not impact on existing traffic along Fartown Green Road, not adding to road collisions and the likelihood of accidents involving vulnerable road users.</p> <p>The property has a purpose built car park which is far away from the main road and plenty of on street parking which is not used by residents, as the residents have sufficient parking. They have on driveways too. During the prayer times, vehicles would be within the car park for not a long period of time (usual time for a prayer is 15 min or less).</p> <p>The neighbours who live on Ball Royd Road and Blackhouse Road are promoting this as they have to drive all the way down to Birkby to read their prayers, which they believe is not good, as they have to drive there, causing congestion and pollution to those who live in the Greenhead ward. If they had their own place in Ashbrow ward</p>	

those who live in the Greenhead ward. If they had their own place in Ashbrow ward, they would walk, reducing the impact of traffic, congestion, pollution and being efficient with their time. If you monitor the peak mosque time on Bradford Road junction of Halifax Old Road/ Willow lane, where so many families are waiting to turn right going to Greenhead head ward to stop their children for Islamic education. This creates adding issues to drivers wanting to go towards the via duct. Those who live in Ashbrow would not have to cross Bradford Road to educate their kids, it would be done from Fartown Village Hall.

Fartown Village Hall has a road which surrounds it, and it is ideal for a safe circular drop off and pick up zone for children during Islamic education timing.

Fartown village Hall is an amazing central community place and the community needs a place of worship. This would bring many other benefits to the area, as the presence of people during the evening prayers would

After the prayer I intend to use the local amenities such as the park with the kids as during the winter period, prayers are closer together meaning this would help with a number of solutions, kids to be active, play sport and prayer to help them build their focus/ concentration.

This is a positive initiative and there is a lot more that we need to do for the area, as the community hub has been abandoned since 2017.