Address: 11 Robin Hood Road Huddersfield HD21NR

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:	

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I’m writing in full support of this application to convert Fartown Village Hall into a mosque. As a local resident, I believe this will be a valuable addition to our community — not just as a place of worship, but as a space that can foster unity, provide education, and support youth development.

Some have raised concerns about parking and traffic. I’d like to gently point out that most attendees will be local and will likely walk to the mosque, especially given that prayer times fall outside peak hours. Compared to other uses (like parties, events, or sports), daily prayers are quiet, brief, and far less disruptive to the area in terms of noise and congestion.

Others have suggested the site be kept for secular or recreational purposes. I understand that sentiment — but I also believe this proposal can serve that exact communal purpose, just in a different way. Mosques are not just religious buildings; they offer classes, community events, charity drives, and youth activities. This mosque will be open and welcoming to all, and will help meet a clear local need.

The building had been abandoned and left in a terrible state for over a decade. It became an eyesore and was slowly falling into further disrepair. I personally witnessed a group of young lads one Saturday morning, in the heat, taking it upon themselves to clean it up. They cut the grass, trimmed the overgrown bushes, cleared rubbish, and made the place look presentable again — all without asking for anything in return. It was genuinely heartwarming to see young people showing pride in the area and taking positive action.

Finally, while there are other mosques across Huddersfield, there isn’t one within comfortable walking distance for many of us in this part of Fartown. Having something close by reduces car use and makes it easier for elderly and disabled residents to attend.

I truly hope this application is considered fairly and based on the actual merits of what it can bring to the area: peace, belonging, and positive community engagement.