

<b>Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution &amp; Noise Control)</b>		
<b>2025/91019 - Fartown Village Hall, Ball Royd Road, Fartown, Huddersfield, HD2 1AN</b>		
<b>Change of use from village hall F2(b) to mosque F1(f)</b>		
<b>Responding Date: 15 October 2025</b>	<b>Responding Officer: Mohammed Nasim</b>	<b>Responding Ref: WK202531274</b>
<p><b><u>Comments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Noise</u></b></p> <p>The applicant has submitted a Noise Impact Assessment authored by Acoustic Solutions dated 19 September 2025 Ref AS25-71.V2. It describes the proposed use and identifies the neighbouring noise sensitive receptors along with the neighbouring park.</p> <p>A background noise survey was undertaken between the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 from two monitoring positions (MPs) as shown in Appendix 2 and a summary of the findings is given in table 3.1 (MP1 - 17 Ball Royd Road) and table 3.2 (MP2 - 99 Blackhouse Road). The sound levels are described as quiet with intermittent road traffic and children playing in the park. No external loudspeakers are proposed and so the report focusses on vehicles arriving/leaving and the building users.</p> <p>Using library data with the addition of a +3dB correction for intermittency (as per BS4142), the report predicts a low impact with the exception of a moderate impact to MP2 from daytime vehicle users as shown in table 4.1. A low impact is predicted from worshippers voices as shown in table 5.1.</p> <p>A Noise Management Plan is recommended in order to minimise and noise disturbance from the proposed use and this is welcome. However, whilst para 2.1 states the use of low-noise sound systems during worship services and limiting the volume level to an acceptable level is encouraged, no specific detail is given nor any predictions made for this use. Reference is made to using a professional sound system and this use will need to be addressed as there is potential for a loss of amenity from any amplified equipment. We also have concerns about doors and windows being opened leading to noise breakout and the applicant will need to consider mechanical ventilation to ensure comfort in the summer months.</p> <p>'Special events and weddings' have the potential for a loss of amenity and we therefore ask that this be clarified and the proposed use be conditioned if deemed acceptable in order to prevent a loss of amenity.</p> <p><b><u>Recommended Conditions</u></b></p> <p><b>NC8 Noise Report required for proposed noise generating use close to existing noise sensitive premises - Condition</b></p> <p>Before construction work commences, a further/addendum noise assessment report by a suitably competent person shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include:</p> <p>a) an assessment of all noise emissions from the proposed development</p>		

- b) details of existing background and predicted future noise levels at the boundary of the nearest noise sensitive premises
- c) a written scheme of how the occupants of the above-mentioned noise sensitive premises will be protected from noise from the proposed development including details of all necessary noise attenuation

The development shall not be brought into use until all works comprised within the measures specified in the approved report have been carried out in full and such measures shall be thereafter retained.

**Reason:** To ensure the proposed development does not cause harmful noise pollution within neighbouring noise sensitive locations, in the interest of amenity, to comply with the aims and objectives of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.