PLANNING STATEMENT

393 Bradford Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2QY

1. Days and Hours of Operation

- During the month of Muharram and Ramadhan, and occasional religious gatherings:

  - Sunday to Thursday: 4:30pm to 9:30pm
  - Friday and Saturday: 11:00am to 9:30pm

- Rest of the year:
  - Sunday to Friday: 4:30pm to 7:30pm
  - Saturday: 11:00am to 7:30pm

2. Number of Users of the Site

The premises will be used by up to 40 individuals at any one time, depending on the nature of the gathering.

3. Parking Location

There is on-site driveway parking available for 2 vehicles.
All additional users will utilise on-street parking on York Avenue.

4. Number of Visitors Using Vehicles / Resultant Parking, Access and Highway Impacts

At peak times, the maximum number of vehicles expected is approximately 10. York Avenue consistently provides sufficient on-street parking capacity, ensuring no anticipated adverse impact on highway safety or access.

5. Current Property Use

The property is not currently occupied for residential purposes.

6. Use Class Specification

The proposed use falls under:

- Class F.1(a) – Education
- Class F.2(b) – Community gatherings

7. External Alterations

No external alterations are proposed except for the single-storey open-sided structure referenced below.

8. Single-Storey Open-Sided Structure

If the proposed structure requires planning permission, we request that it be included within this development proposal as part of the application.

9. Other Important Information

We would like to respectfully highlight that the Shia Muslim community in Huddersfield currently has no dedicated place for worship, education or religious gathering. This has created a longstanding gap in provision for a growing and diverse faith community within the borough.

We kindly ask the Council to take this context into consideration when reviewing our application. Establishing a compliant and well-managed space for our community would not only address this unmet need but would also support Kirklees Council's wider commitment to inclusivity, community cohesion, and equal access to religious facilities.

The local Shia community remains fully committed to working in close partnership with Kirklees Council to ensure that all activities at the proposed site uphold the highest standards of safety, respect, and regulatory compliance. We sincerely hope that the Council will view our application with understanding and support, recognising the positive social, cultural, and community value this space will bring to the area.