

Address: 1, Wheatcroft Avenue, Batley, Wf17 5jl

### About the application

Application number: 2026/90472	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from private members club (sui generis) to mosque with school (Cla
Address of the site or building:	The Royal Air Forces Association, Broughton House, Cambridge Street, Batley, WF17 5JH
Postcode:	WF17 5JH

### User comments

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<p>I am writing to express my support for the planning application regarding Al Hashim Academy. I believe this development represents a positive addition to our community for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Proven Track Record on Traffic</b> I note the concerns that are sometimes raised regarding traffic and congestion. However, we can look to the previous use of this site by the Rafa Club as a clear indicator of the actual impact. When the Rafa Club was open and operational, there were no issues with traffic in the area. The volume of visitors was managed effectively without causing disruption to local residents or congestion on surrounding roads. There is no reason to believe that the Academy's usage pattern would create a greater impact than the previous lawful use.</li><li><b>2. Significant Community Benefit</b> Al Hashim Academy will not operate in isolation from the rest of the neighborhood. The applicant has demonstrated a strong commitment to community cohesion. The mosque already provides a wide range of outreach programmes that are open to and benefit the whole community.</li></ol> <p>This planning application will allow these positive contributions to continue and expand. It will provide a valuable community asset that promotes education, dialogue, and social welfare.</p> <p>This application has my full support. It represents a community-friendly use of the site that has already proven it can function without harming local amenity.</p>	