



97 Grove Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1SQ

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To Planning Control, North Hertfordshire District Council
PO Box 10613
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Re PP-14249561

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have been informed by the Hitchin Muslim community of their proposal to develop a new site for the Hitchin Islamic Centre. The current mosque at 28 Florence Street has become unsuitable for the growing community, with significant limitations including insufficient parking, its close connection to a commercial car garage, and its location in a densely populated residential area. The new site at 45 Bury Mead will provide much-needed facilities and a purpose-built mosque to serve the community more effectively.

I write on behalf of Churches Together in Hitchin to support them in their proposal and respectfully request that you look favourably upon the planning application. The new Islamic Centre will not only meet the needs of the Muslim community but also strengthen wider community bonds. It will create opportunities for interfaith dialogue, shared events, and collaborative projects, helping to promote unity, mutual understanding, and cooperation among people of all faiths and backgrounds in Hitchin. By supporting this initiative, we can together nurture a more inclusive, harmonious, and supportive community for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

John Richardson
Secretary, Churches Together in Hitchin