

## Application Number: PA/2011/1306

(please quote in all correspondence)

**Case Officer:** Emma Stanley Tel: 01724 297447 (Wed-Fri)  
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15 November 2011

Dr Syed Muzaffar Ahmad  
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53 Cliff Close Road  
SCUNTHORPE  
DN15 7HT

Dear Sir/Madam

### TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF A FULL PLANNING APPLICATION

**Proposal:** Planning permission for change of use to mosque, community use and living accommodation  
**Site Location:** Concorde House, Bessemer Way, Scunthorpe  
**Applicant:** Dr Syed Muzaffar Ahmad, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

Your application was received as valid on 14/11/2011. A decision should be reached by 09/01/2012. Any enquiries should be made to the case officer. Please be aware that the application form, plus any accompanying drawings and most documents will be made publicly available on the Council's web site. You can also check the progress of your application on the web site and view/download digital copies of most documents. Your application, fees and drawings can now be submitted online using the Planning Portal. Further information about this service is available on the Council's web site [www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk)

We decide most applications within the time allowed and we will try to make sure you receive a decision before the due date. This will not be possible in every case, however.

Most applications are decided by myself without reference to the Planning Committee under a clearly defined scheme of delegation. Major or controversial plans will be decided by the Planning Committee. **If you want to put your views to the Committee yourself, or have someone do this for you please write to me within 21 days of the date of this letter.** If you do write, I will let you know the date of the meeting when the application will be considered - it is not possible to say this now.

If, by the 09/01/2012, we have not given you a decision in writing or you have not agreed to extend the decision period, then you may appeal to the Department for Communities and Local Government. You must make your appeal within six months from that date. You must use a form which you can either get from the Planning Inspectorate at Room 304A Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, or you can make your appeal on line and track its progress using the Planning Portal. More information can be found on [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs).

Yours faithfully

**Marcus Walker**  
**Head of Regeneration & Planning**

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A PLANNING APPLICATION

### PLANNING APPLICATION NO. PA/2011/1306

The Council has received the following proposal:

**Planning permission for change of use to mosque, community use and living accommodation**

**Location:**

**Concorde House, Bessemer Way, Scunthorpe**

The application and submitted plans may be seen in the Development Control office at Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Thursday (inclusive) and 4.30pm on Friday. It can also be viewed on line at [www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk).

If you wish to express any views about the proposal you should do so by writing to the Development Control team at North Lincolnshire Council, Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1AB, quoting the application reference number stated above.

**Householder Development\*\*** If the application relates to householder development, in the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about the application will be passed to the Secretary of State and **there will be no opportunity to make further representations.**

If you do write, please bear in mind that anyone may read your letter, either before or after the application is determined or later if there is an appeal against the council's decision. A copy of your letter will also appear on the council's web site [www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk). We will consider all relevant comments although we cannot enter into detailed correspondence.

Written representations received by the council on or before will be considered before the application is determined.

\*\* Householder development means development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse. It does not include a change of use or a change to the number of dwellings in a building.

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**Head of Regeneration & Planning**

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The Planning Officer  
North Lincolnshire County Council  
Pittwood House  
Scunthorpe

53 Cliffcloses Road  
Scunthorpe  
DN15 7HT  
09/11/2011

Dear Ms Stanley

I have seen Highways department's comments on our proposal. Please note there is plenty of parking space in front and back of the building. I think with safe estimate more than 40 cars can be parked and it will not be necessary to park outside on the road.

We offer our communal prayers every week on a Friday when about 10 members come and attend. Once a month we have monthly meeting for all members though not all attend if all were to attend we have 22 families and if all were to come in separate cars still there would be plenty of parking.

Once or twice a year we do our peace symposium where we invite local people and expect between 125 to 150 people it is usually on a Sunday still I think if we were to open our back space for parking even for this large gathering we will not have any problem for parking.

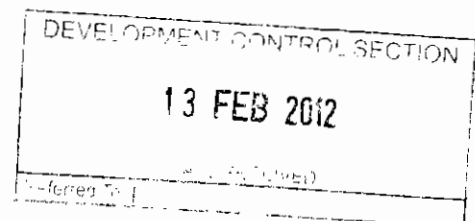
The number being so small I do not think we would need to have any special flow management measures in place but would be guided by you and your office.

Sincerely Yours

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Muzaffar Ahmad  
President Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Scunthorpe





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Dear Sir

**Proposal:** Planning permission for change of use to mosque, community use and living accommodation

**Location:** Concorde House, Bessemer Way, Scunthorpe

I refer to the above application which you recently submitted to this office. I have consulted the council's environmental health department, who have asked for some clarification on a number of points, and it would be very useful if you could answer the following:

1. Will it be necessary to have any amplified call to prayer?
2. What specific activities will take place in the community areas and what are the anticipated hours of use?
3. Will there be any cooking facilities in the community areas?

I would be most grateful if you could provide me with this additional information within the next 14 days in order for me to forward it on to my colleagues in environmental health for further consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



**Emma Stanley**  
**Senior Planning Officer**

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SMA JDG

17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Ms Emma Stanley  
Senior Planning Officer  
North Lincolnshire Council  
Pittwood House  
Ashby Road  
Scunthorpe  
DN16 1AB

Dear Emma

**CONCORDE HOUSE, BESSEMER WAY, SCUNTHORPE**

With reference to our telephone conversation I would like to make comments regarding Environment Protection Officer, Leanne Kyte's report.

**Noise**

It is accepted that the property is located in an established industrial estate location and certain of the occupiers have the ability to operate on a 24/7 basis, although none currently do so.

The living accommodation is essentially caretaker's accommodation, rather than true living accommodation. It is inside the building and part of it hence not affected by noise.

From our own investigations and due diligence at different times of the day, carried out at the time of inspecting the property we note that there is limited industrial processes carried out outside normal working hours at present, albeit appreciate that this may change if further land is developed in the immediate area.

As you would appreciate, we have got Rainham Steel in front of our property. This is probably as big an industrial unit as we can have in the area and before putting in planning application and after these comments, we have actually been at the property at different times of the day and night and we have not found any unacceptable noise that would produce any hindrance or

inconvenience to our mosque members when they are praying inside or having some activity outside.

It must be noted that a mosque is a place of worship but at the same time it is a public place and would not require noise levels that would be expected for a residential area.

If planners would want, we would be very happy to provide in writing that we would not object to any reasonable industry that the Council would think appropriate at the time in and around our mosque.

We would also point out that the property is a modern detached fully insulated property and is sited some distance from the surrounding industrial occupiers with landscaped boundaries.

### **Contaminated Land**

The comments are noted regarding the site's location. We do not feel there would be any potential for increased health and safety risk to anybody living in a property as the use is not dissimilar to the property being used as an office. There is no intention to re-develop or disturb any of the un-surfaced land to the rear, therefore cannot see any valid reason as to why a Phase 1 desk study should be prepared. Equally the risk of using the property as a mosque with additional living accommodation is not dissimilar to the previous use allocated in terms of office use. In fact an argument could be put forward as office users would be resident at the property for longer durations than parties attending the mosque.

Finally, it was noted the comments were also made by the Environmental Protection Officer comparing the use with that of The Malt Shovel. It should be noted that there will be no requirements whatsoever to see the property licenced and it seems incorrect to compare a mosque with an entertainment venue in our opinion as there is no real similarity between the two.

We have no objection to The Malt Shovel doing their entertainment activity and it would not hinder or affect the mosque activity. If, due to licenced activities, people attending The Malt Shovel after attending those premises, if they then violate public order then this would be a matter for the authorities to deal with but certainly would not affect us any worse than affecting our neighbours.

With regard to noise levels from the mosque itself, I can assure you that there will never be any inconvenience to our neighbours in terms of noise, parking etc and as you would know from our mosque at 53 Cliff Closes Road, that we take the respect and privacy of our neighbours very seriously. If you would like to, you are very welcome to ask our neighbours in and around our mosque.

The area in general is hit by present economic recession with businesses closing and GO car just opposite closed a few months ago. If planners were

to nit-pick in giving permission it will not bring any more business in the area. Hence we would request to be pragmatic.

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Kind regards

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10/05/2012

Dear Ms Stanley

Thank you very much for sparing the time to see us last Friday and discussing the application with us.

As discussed I have enclosed parking arrangement for the mosque. Over sixty cars could be parked easily around the building on hard standing alone. If grassed land is included the number of cars could be increased significantly.

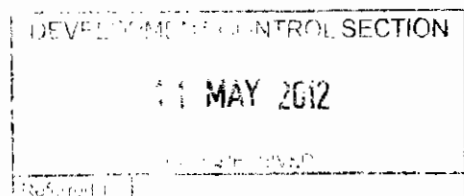
I can also confirm that we will be happy to change the application to show the area as agreed and drawn when we met.

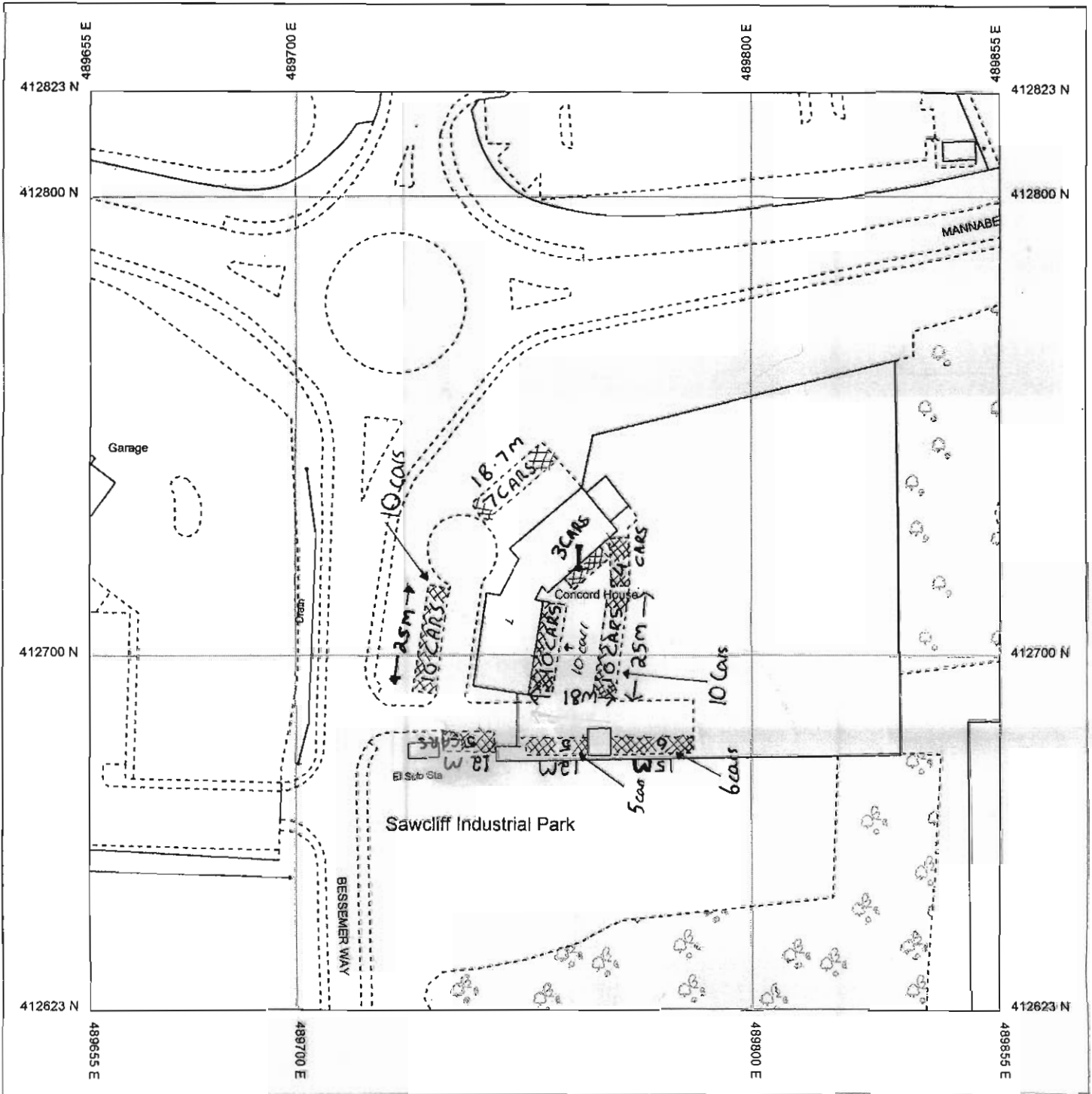
I hope you now have all the information and will be able to give a favourable decision.

Kindest regards

Sincerely Yours

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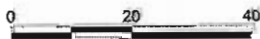


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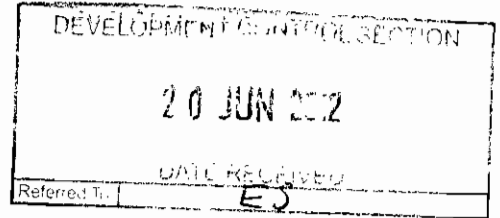
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12<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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Pitwood House  
Scunthorpe

Dear Ms Stanley

I am most grateful for your help throughout this procedure. You have kept us so well informed and have been very helpful in seeing us and taking us through the process.

I would like to request you to present our application to the next meeting ie in July and I would like to speak at the meeting.

As discussed last time, now the decision has been made to go through the Planning Committee I would like to bring out a few points for the Planning Committee's consideration and I would be grateful if you would pass this on to the committee and also for consideration of yourself and your colleagues before making a decision.

There have been a number of queries raised about this project and I would like to take these one by one:

**MOSQUE IN A COMMERCIAL AREA**

What I would like to point out is that our present mosque is in a residential area where we have got restrictions in the sense that we can not park inside the premises between 8pm and 8am. There is no minister of religion allowed to live in that place and hence it makes the proper function of a mosque impossible. We did apply for these restrictions to be lifted but the Council declined that and hence we began to look for a place in a commercial area, hence this location.

The concept that a mosque will not go well in a commercial area is not really the way that we would see it but we must not forget that although it is a mosque, it is place of worship but still is a public place and it is not a private premises. It is a public place which will go well being in a commercial area. I have seen there is a bowling alley and children areas there very near to the proposed mosque and this will fit in well with the area.

I would also like to point out that quite a few of our mosques, for instance a mosque in Sheffield, is in a commercial area; our new mosque in Walsall again is in a commercial area and there are quite a few other mosques and if the Council would like me to, I could provide the exact locations etc for confirmation of the same. Those councils have given permission for the mosques to be built in those areas and this would not be any different.

#### **LANDFILL SITE:**

As discussed we have omitted the possible landfill site from our application and hence that should not come into the consideration now. As a principal, as offices are allowed to be built in that area, workers staying in the same job for 15-20 years, spending 8-10 hours would be exposed to similar sort of levels that somebody going there on a regular basis for prayers etc would be exposed to so I think the objection of it being a possible landfill site and not suitable for a mosque does not bear reason. With regards to the residence of a minister of religion I would like to point out that this is on a rotational basis. A minister of religion is appointed for a few years, would stay there and then move on and this residential place is principally for the minister of religion and not for any other purpose and this would never be developed into any kind of residence.

#### **RESIDENCE OF MINISTER OF RELIGION**

The reason why we have asked for a residence for minister of religion is that there are 5 regular prayers that we have to say in our mosque and they have to lead by a minister of religion which is the best way for our prayers. If we were to deny a minister of religion to live in the premises then we are asking a person to travel to his place of work a minimum of 5 times a day and as we know our prayers follow the sun and they could start at 0330hrs until 2200hrs and if we were not to allow that then the minister of religion would be travelling at 0315hrs in summer until 2200hrs for evening prayers which I think is unsafe to say the least and I would hope that Council members and Planning Officers would consider that.

#### **NOISE**

As mentioned in our previous letters I can confirm that there would be no call for prayer. I can also confirm that there will be no noise pollution in the area. With regards to noise from other areas, I have actually been in that vicinity at different times, on different days and on different occasions and I have never found noise to an extent that would interfere even when we are outside the building. When inside the building, it has double glazing and there is no noise inside. So, in summary, the noise from outside would not be of any hindrance to us inside the mosque and we certainly would not be making any noise to inconvenience any neighbours.

#### **PARKING**

I have given plans for Highways consideration which shows that without any changes etc, there will be parking spaces for over 50 cars and at the minute our membership is very limited and all of these cars would be parked inside the grounds at all times and would not be parked outside the grounds at any time.

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATION**

I would like to request Planning Officers and Committee members to consider that Scunthorpe Commercial Area is not a vibrant place and that unfortunately, the premises just in front of Concorde House which used to be GoCar have gone bankrupt. There have been plenty of commercial sites around the area which have not had any buyers. This particular site has been on the market for quite a few years and there are so many other huge buildings around the town which are vacant, boarded up with no prospective buyer for them. Although we are proposing to buy it as a mosque, it will provide some economic growth in the area and if nothing else, it would look better with people coming in and out and we will hope to develop this into properly kept fields which will look attractive to people, if not attract them to come to the area.

Council would be well aware of the opposition that we had when we originally applied for our mosque permission for our present premises and a few years after being in the place, these 'fears of the unknown' were relieved and we are now working along with our neighbours for all community projects and I would just enclose a cutting from the Scunthorpe Telegraph which is showing our project that we did together when we raised money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice in the town.

## **WHAT WOULD THIS BRING TO THE COMMUNITY**

It will bring employment. A Minister of Religion and a Caretaker and cleaning staff will be employed. It will continue to provide office space for the present firm which provides employment locally.

In the future we might have a regional centre for our organization's International T V Channel MTA (Sky 787) based at this site as it is the centre of the country and has good, peaceful surroundings.

Local businesses will be welcomed to use the public facilities ie table-tennis and badminton etc if required. This area would also see a beautiful garden development in the grounds.

In short we have lived with our community. We have always integrated well and we would like to have bit bigger premises and I sincerely hope that Planning Officer and Members would give considerate thought to this request.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

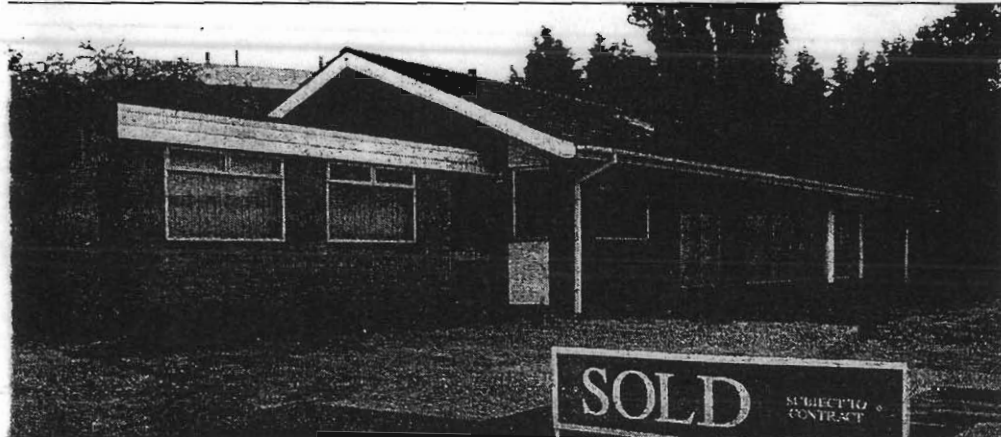


**MR S MUZAFFAR AHMAD**

President Scunthorpe Section of Jammal.

Opponents pledge to 'live in harmony' with new neighbours

# Plan for mosque gets the go-ahead



ABOVE: The bungalow which was the subject of the application.  
RIGHT: How the story was reported in an earlier Telegraph.



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Telegraph  
AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY  
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OPPONENTS of a controversial plan to convert an empty Scunthorpe bungalow into a mosque have vowed to 'live in harmony' with worshippers after it was given the go-ahead.

And they say they will 'gracefully accept' the decision by council planners to grant permission to Dr Muzaffar Ahmad for a bungalow on Cliff Closes Road.

He had applied on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, so several of its members employed at Scunthorpe General Hospital could have a place of prayer close to work.

Residents had earlier voiced numerous concerns, mainly based on the fact it would change the appearance of what had always been a residential area.

Bill Dixon, speaking on behalf of res-

By Simon Weedy

idents at a meeting of North Lincolnshire Council's planning committee, said the change of use was 'not justified'.

He argued that there was 'absolutely no demand' for such a facility in that particular area.

But having listened to the arguments, members - some of whom said they had been lobbied over the issue - voted overwhelmingly in favour.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Dixon said despite being disappointed, residents would abide by the decision taken.

"There is not a lot we can do about it - the council members have made their decision and people will gracefully accept it.

"We felt that to allow it would be changing the area from what it has

always been, and that is residential.

"If people living here had wanted it, that would have been a different story, but it will be used by people who do not live here.

"The decision has been made though and when it is opened, I hope and am sure everyone will live in harmony with those using the mosque."

Dr Ahmad said a central tenet of the Muslim organisation of which he is a member was 'harmony' and described its motto as 'peace for all, hatred for no-one'.

"We strongly condemn hideous crimes like September 11, suicide bombings and all other acts carried out in a similar way, because they are totally against the teachings of Islam."

He also tried to allay the fears of residents about the number of people using the mosque.

"We do not share our mosque with other Muslims - it will be used by Ahmadiyya Muslims, of which there are only seven families in Scunthorpe."

In their written opposition though, residents said they were worried over planning guidelines which did not restrict numbers or times of use.

But Dr Ahmad, who lives on Belvedere Drive, said: "If our neighbours do suffer any loss of amenity, this is the last thing we would ever want to do."

Coun John Ellis, who chaired the committee, admitted there had been a 'lot of interest' in the case.

He also acknowledged concerns over increased traffic by saying there were too many cars already on the roads.

But he added: "It is not a reason for turning this application down."

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Association hands over cheque to hospice

# Mosque in harmony with area



**THANKS:** Amadiyya Muslim Association regional ameer Bilal Atkinson (left) and chairman Muzaffar Ahmad (right) present a cheque to the Mayor of North Lincolnshire, Coun Philip Wood, and Alison Tindall of Lindsey Lodge Hospice for £1,045. The money raised by the association will be used at the hospice on Burringham Road, Scunthorpe.

JUST 18 months ago, it would have been impossible to imagine these two groups being friends.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association faced objection from residents when they sought planning permission to convert a bungalow on Cliff Closes Road into a mosque.

Objectors said there would not be enough car parking for visitors to the mosque, and said they felt it was 'perverse' to have a place of worship in a residential area.

But now, through a number of open days, the association has shown the residents what it is all about, and the two communities exist in harmony side-by-side.

In fact, relations are now so good, the association decided to hold a barbecue on Saturday afternoon, to raise funds for Lindsey Lodge Hospice, and invited the local community, including the people of Cliff Closes Road, to join them.

Syed Muzaffar Ahmad, president of the Scunthorpe branch of the association, whose message is peace and love to all humanity, said the members had worked to change the opinions of their neighbours.

He said: "We had a bit of resistance from our

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neighbours at first when we were trying to get the mosque set up but we have good relations with them now, because they understand what we are about.

"We are a very small group in Scunthorpe and we don't share a mosque with other muslims, so there isn't much traffic about.

"We have had quite a few open days for the residents so they can find out who we are. We needed to show them we are a peaceful group."

Mr Ahmad, who is a colorectal surgeon at Scunthorpe General Hospital, said members of the association had put a lot of work into organising the barbecue.

He said: "I do a lot of work with bowel cancer and so I know how important it is to have hospice care, but I didn't realise only two beds at Lindsey Lodge were Government-funded.

"All the other beds are funded by donations and so all of our members contributed to organising the barbecue and all the money we raised from it has been given to the mayor to donate to the hospice."

Joyce Dixon, who lives on Cliff Closes Road, said she was initially quite sceptical about having the mosque in her street, but she said: "So far so good."

"We've had no problems with them so far," she said. "We see cars driving up and down the street but we haven't had the parking problems we were envisaging.

"We've been invited to go for a look round and to a buffet and we've been able to ask them questions and tell them our views.

"We weren't able to attend the barbecue unfortunately, but they said if we had any problems to let them know."

Association spokesman Dr Kamrudee Mohammed, said of the 10 families in the 40-strong Scunthorpe branch, eight of them were the families of doctors.

He said he believed this was because the association tended to attract the more educated members of the community, which placed an emphasis on education, community peace and

Scunthorpe association is Sabu Sheikh, who was also helping at the fundraising barbecue on Saturday.

But, explaining he was responsible for all the burns and surgery products at Smith and Nephew in Hull, he said: "I'm very closely associated with these guys."

Mr Sheikh said, as well as the association members, who had all given up their time to raise funds for the hospice, nursing staff from both the hospice and Scunthorpe General Hospital had offered to assist on their stall.

**"We had a bit of resistance from our neighbours at first when we were trying to get the**

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## 'True teachings of Islam' in focus at forum

A SPECIAL exhibition and forum has been held to inform people the 'true teachings' of Islam.

The event, held at Scawby Village Hall, was aimed at removing the misunderstanding surrounding some people's views of Islam.

Noor ul Haque, a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, which organised the event, said: "Those who advocate suicide bombing, terrorism and divide people are not real Muslims. It was our small effort to bring different religions together."

Participants took great interest in the exhibition, and were given free literature.

The event, which was attended by almost 80 people, followed a successful Islamic cultural exhibition at Scunthorpe Central Library in April.

Coun Harold Osborne, Mayor of North Lincolnshire, attended the event, along with Chief Supt Gra-



**MEETING:** From left, Dr Muzaffar Ahmed, president of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Scunthorpe; Bilal Atkinson, president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community North East region; the Mayor of North Lincolnshire, Coun Harold Osborne; regional missionary Naseem Ahmed Bajwa, and Chief Supt Graham Di Duca.

ham Di Duca of Humberside Police.

Speakers at the forum included the president of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community North East region, Bilal Atkinson, regional missionary Naseem Ahmed Bajwa and

president of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Scunthorpe, Dr Muzaffar Ahmed.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association is a worldwide movement in Islam, founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmed.

It encourages interfaith dialogue, diligently defends Islam and tries to correct misunderstandings about Islam.

Anyone wanting more information should visit the group's website at [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

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