

Karen North

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Sent: 15 July 2016 12:30
To: Karen North
Cc: Cllr Andrew Cooper; Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner; 'Imran Khan'; Abdul Jabbar; 'A. Hussain'
Subject: Re: Objections to permit parking plan around Bland Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield
Importance: High

Dear Karen,

Madni Jamia Masjid, a registered charity, provides community and pastoral services to the immediate as well as to widely placed community members. This establishment also incorporates a voluntary school component called the Madrassah Taleem Ud Deen, primarily for school children to learn the basic, intermediate and advanced levels, as well as the implementation of religious education, but even more importantly in these times - citizenship.

Both of these establishments have been providing services to the community for well over 40 years and we pre-date the formation of Markazi Jamia Masjid Ghausia!

The Imaams, of which there are 4 on a rota basis throughout the week, (with a further 3 on standby), provide essential pastoral and community care as part of their obligations to the establishment itself. These services provided include and are not limited to wedding services, as a condolence centre, extended funeral services, special prayer gatherings at times of calamity, Jumma (Friday prayers), the two Eids, counselling, after school clubs, homework help and revision centres, distribution centre for charity/aid. This list is not by any means exhaustive.

This establishment has been providing these services which predate any requirement for parking permits – and for the most part we have got on amicably, with special consideration given to our neighbours!

The nature of the services provided mean that we do have large numbers of subscribers that attend that frequently require on street parking, although we have had an on-going parking and responsibility program for 15 years now, for our congregation to park sensibly. It is always the same odd few who cause the majority of problems!

Our objections are listed before.

1. Complete 24/7 parking permit only zones would severely affect what we deliver as a long running and well established community and pastoral service.
2. The parking permits for the Imaams you alluded to in our meeting, doesn't meet our existing parking requirement since we have four Imaams, not two.
3. A time limited parking facility of say 2 hours would ease the service disruption that would be caused with a blanket permit plan.
4. The service business of establishment will be severely impacted and we therefore require open access as other businesses can request from the council.

If you require further information, I will be happy to help.

Best regards,

Zahid Mohammed