

Comments received up to 28 October for planning application 25/P/0530/FUL

This document sets out the comments which we consider are not in breach of the Equality Act 2010. This document includes comments sent to us up to 28 October. We are currently reviewing the comments received after this date which will be published once this review is completed.

Date Submitted	Objection (O) Support (S)	Comments received up to 28 October 2025 about application 25/P/0530/FUL
02.10.2025	O	<p>Traffic and Parking Increased traffic congestion in residential areas. Inadequate parking provision for worshippers. Impact on highway safety, especially during peak prayer times.</p> <p>Noise and Disturbance Potential for increased noise from gatherings, especially during early morning or late evening prayers. Disturbance of locals quality of life. Impact on residential amenity due to frequent events or amplified sound.</p> <p>Overdevelopment The scale or intensity of use may be excessive for the site or area. The building may be out of character with surrounding properties in a historic area with period features.</p> <p>Loss of Privacy or Light Overlooking from new windows or increased footfall near residential boundaries. Overshadowing due to structural changes or increased height.</p> <p>Impact on Local Character The proposed use may not align with the established character of the area. Design, materials, or signage may be visually intrusive.</p> <p>Environmental Impact Increased litter, air pollution, or strain on local services. Potential harm to nearby green spaces or conservation areas.</p> <p>Heritage and Conservation Adverse effect on listed buildings or conservation areas. Incompatibility with local heritage policies.</p> <p>Policy Non-Compliance Conflict with the Local Development Plan or Neighbourhood Plan. Failure to meet criteria in national planning policy frameworks. Not compliant with existing fire regulations and risk neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Accessibility and Infrastructure Inadequate access for disabled users. Poor public transport links to support increased footfall.</p> <p>Fear of Crime If there is substantiated concern that the change of use may increase crime or anti-social behaviour within the area.</p>
03.09.2025	O	<p>I object on the following grounds. - Inadequate Parking (in a largely residential area) - Already a congested area with insufficient loading areas - Concerns on the fire safety as only one fire exit for the top floor with new residential accommodation and limited fire escapes for a building which appears to be able to accommodate hundreds of people - Building goes against the town centre plan and is in a conservation area - Increased noise and disturbance especially during prayer times - There is also the impact of the characteristics of the area and the visual appearance of the neighbourhood - Privacy concerns on neighbouring properties. NONE OF THESE OBJECTIONS ARE RACIST OR AGAINST RELIGION</p>

27.08.2025	O	Please consider using this prime location for retail. Without an attraction, or place for locals to congregate we will become more of a ghost town. A floor could be used for an inclusive youth club. A social club where all people could gather and communicate.
16.08.2025	O	Object
15.08.2025	O	Far too imposing in a small residential area
15.08.2025	O	No
15.08.2025	O	I object. I see no benefit to the community. It's only creating division
15.08.2025	O	I don't want to see Weston become a town for sanctuary, I've lived here all my life and think the town has done enough to help over the past.
15.08.2025	O	We do not need anything like this, we need to support the community and homeless here first they already are having many privileges given to them and too many places are being taken over and transformed! All this does is create more violence and conflict within the town!
15.08.2025	O	Nit wanted in this area! This could be used in better ways, like for the people that have lived here there while lifes, people that need support ect
14.08.2025	O	This building is currently surrounded by shops, restaurants and bars. A place of worship and education centre placed here would be out of keeping with the environment. If the use of the building is changed to a place of worship, then this could have a negative impact on the businesses who currently trade in this area - and at a time when retail and hospitality business sectors are under great pressure. The building should be kept for retail & business use only.
14.08.2025	S	I believe that the plans for expanding the Mosque would be beneficial to Weston Super Mare, and would be a positive demonstration that WSM and North Somerset is inclusive, and accepting of difference.
14.08.2025	O	I object and don't feel I have to say why other than object.
14.08.2025	S	I am writing to express my full support for the proposed development of the local mosque. I believe it will serve as a valuable community space fostering inclusion understanding and social cohesion. The Moscow not only provide a place of worship but also offer educational and outreach programs that benefit the wider community. I hope the planning committee will consider the positive impact this development will have on our neighbourhood.
14.08.2025	O	Parking already a nightmare, too many drunks hanging around this area - will induce racism
14.08.2025	O	Needs more consultation with residents. Over populated town with poor infrastructure already.
14.08.2025	O	This is smack bang within a local community and local businesses. To think this would be welcome in a small town centre area is ludicrous. More help is required to support local businesses and bring more into the town economy wise. This is not the answer at all. How about enabling more businesses to bring the town back to a former glory? The town is really struggling with many empty spaces so totally baffled as to how this helps/encourages this issue?
14.08.2025	O	I am not against the Muslim religion however an education centre may increase the risk of radicalisation and could become a site for disturbance. The town needs better shops not cafes, eateries or religious centres. The town centre is dire enough.
14.08.2025	O	Absolutely ridiculous idea

14.08.2025	O	This area already has a mosque and a high level of Islamic worshipers. This can be very intimidating during those times. I have been parked in the area with my children when the streets are already full of them. When you have large groups of any ethnicity it can be very intimidating, especially when they are predominantly men. My eldest daughter will not go into town for that reason. My youngest daughter, who is 10, has a friend that lives in Hopkins street and during a sleep over there the girls were in the upstairs window and were propositioned by a man of Asian ethnicity. He asked them to come outside and go for a ride in his van. They are 10 years old! I feel very strongly that by creating more / larger areas for them to congregate on mass that this kind of behaviour will become more frequent. We need to protect our children, our town and our right to feel safe.
14.08.2025	S	I agree with the Heritage Statement and the Design and Assessment Statement that this proposal will enhance the building from the Palmer Street side and improve the condition of the Waterloo Street side. The mosque is well used and having the Iman living on site will encourage security. Whilst we do not encourage separation of the sexes during worship in this country, I believe we can agree to this concession for the local Muslim community. I believe this will add to the locality where there are a number of places of worship.
14.08.2025	O	This is an area with already very limited parking, space, and peace for residents. And in the middle of an area already frequented by tourists and students. Additional crowding and noise will be an issue
14.08.2025	O	First question is, Who is paying for this work? Why is the council building a mosque? To my knowledge there are very few Muslims in the area unless there is something the council is withholding from its tax payers! If this mosque goes ahead will women be allowed to pray, as this is sexist and goes against our culture. It won't fit in with the rest of the architectural buildings in the surrounding area
14.08.2025	O	The houses and buildings around are of a Victorian design and it will be out of keeping for that area. By potentially making it bigger it will be attracting more people and causing parking problems. Parking is difficult as it is and at a premium. It will cause disruption to the locals who live in the area. I have seen cars double parked whilst it is open for prayer. I totally object to this development.
14.08.2025	O	This was turned down several years ago when 1st applied for for several reasons. I feel this is not a suitable area to have a large gathering due to lack of access and parking both to the front and rear areas of the building. The large car park at the rear is used by the high st retailers and the roads surrounding the building don't have adequate parking at present due to a busy retail area and also many residential streets. Mosque's aren't like Churches where there is only usually a large gathering once a week. Mosque's have daily meetings and during certain festivals celebrations can have even more traffic leading to a potential loss of parking for residents and retail users. I would suggest that this is not a suitable site to extend the current building as suggested.
14.08.2025	O	Not needed
14.08.2025	O	NO
14.08.2025	O	There is no doubt Weston needs regeneration, but this will not bring revenue to the town. The Muslim population in Weston is c800 and there is already a mosque in the vicinity of this planning proposal. For this reason, consent should not be granted
14.08.2025	O	Completely unnecessary for the already run down town. Will only encourage thoughtless & illegal parking on the boulevard as is already demonstrated every Friday at the current mosque.
14.08.2025	O	I disagree with this proposal. I think more should be done to encourage people from different faiths to integrate in to our cultures. This is a Christian country that welcomes all under Christianity . There is already a Islamic center in Wsm. So I oppose

14.08.2025	O	No, we live near a multicultural city which has many places for them to worship which is a bus away. That shop has been around for years and is in the centre of town next to two bus stops where the elderly and others still shop and look for new clothing. In the state of today's economy many people have turned towards cheaper alternatives to necessities including using growing apps like vinted which resell second hand clothes and by using charity shops. Removing this building is directly taking away from the disadvantaged people within our community and giving towards a proportion of people who have chosen to put themselves in this position (obviously dis including asylum seekers). Not only do I worry about removing charity within our town I also worry about the people who it would be serving. The centre of town is undoubtedly a place full of crime, drugs and antisocial behaviour which is difficult to monitor. I am concerned that this building will be used to fuel the fire of die hard reform voters and catalyse acts of racism, discrimination and violence upon those who are already struggling. Whilst this building would give a place of worship to them, i fear it would instead bring more violence to our town centre. This concern is not out worldly as it is undeniable that similar circumstances have occurred throughout other areas of the UK. I think a better alternative would be providing the community with information regarding their nearest places of worship and how to get there rather than bringing it to our old fashioned town
14.08.2025	O	I think this will bring conflict between different religions/cultures. It is already a busy area and will add to difficulty in parking
14.08.2025	O	I want my child to be safe
14.08.2025	O	I do not think this is a good idea I don't think we'd be building churches in there home towns.
14.08.2025	S	
14.08.2025	O	The town charges for parking which is already difficult and negatively impacts shopping experience which has resulted in the closure of many shops. With a community of people gathering regularly, if the proposed plans go ahead how will parking be addressed? Will people attending this building be offered free parking over shoppers, visitors and residents? Why can there not be an all inclusive education centre, why does this only cater for one specific religion, that is not even the main religion of England? There are many disadvantaged children and teens in the town, along with antisocial behaviour, the benefit of a community centre that keeps teens off the street and gives them positive activities to do would be welcomed. The proposed plans should benefit as many people in our town as possible not be offered to a select few, especially when we already have many religious buildings to cater to all regions in our community. These plans do not seem to solve any ongoing issues in our town, like homelessness, addiction, community and social activities, increasing need for SEN support. NHS facilities I've dentist, GP surgery. Our town needs these infrastructures for a growing populations, these plans do not tackle any of these current issues for the residents of this town.
13.08.2025	O	I feel like the area which has been chosen is already a problematic area with vulnerable people , and adding an area which will encourage a large number of people to congregate will only add to the pavement traffic of that area . It's quite difficult to walk past that area at the moment without feeling vulnerable yourself , not to mention the tree roots whilst trying to pass with pushchairs and wheelchairs etc . Plus I don't think a mosque style building is in keeping with the older style buildings . The mercury office itself built in the 1800s is a listed building . Along with many other buildings designed by Hans Price to reflect our Victorian history . And this new building simply isn't in keeping
13.08.2025	O	I do not agree with this change of use application. What is this new place? A mosque, an education centre or flats?? It's right in the town centre amongst shops, the use of the building should remain a shop. I do not agree that a mosque should be allowed here.
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13.08.2025	O	Highway safety for pedestrians & inadequacy of parking in local streets around the expansion. Noise, smells and disturbance resulting from use of the expansion. Layout and density of buildings the amount of followers using the building. Visual appearance Of local area ie the old buildings alone the Boulevard not with in keeping of these
13.08.2025	O	This is Weston super mare! For crying out loud!
13.08.2025	O	This is not appropriate for the town of Weston super Mare. There should not be separate places of worship or education centres. This type of establishment encourages segregation. The change of use application should be rejected and the premises remain use Class E only, particularly given that this mosque/centre will be right in the heart of the town amongst other shops. It should remain a shopping area only
11.08.2025	S	I feel that filling empty units can only be a good thing. I'm happy to support
08.08.2025	O	Not appropriate for the town of Weston.
08.08.2025	O	Not in Keeping with the environment keep Weston as it is please
08.08.2025	O	It's unnecessary
07.08.2025	O	No more mosques needed in the town
07.08.2025	O	Please allow us to keep and cherish something of our own culture and religion in our home town. Invasions come in many disguises
07.08.2025	O	No parking
07.08.2025	O	See Email for full comment
07.08.2025	O	We do not need a Mosque built in this town
07.08.2025	S	Having looked at the plans, I fully support this application. The current mosque has been there for many years serving our Muslim community and, to my knowledge, hasn't caused any issues. All members of our community should be able to worship whatever their religion, and I don't believe we would notice any difference by changing the use of the retail shop to an Islamic Education Centre. There doesn't appear to be any material change to the external buildings and the proposed design for the modest changes to the facade in Palmer Street would certainly not look out of place, especially considering the street art on two buildings nearby which are really quite garish. In my opinion, having an entrance in Waterloo Street as well as Palmer Street will be beneficial and provide more opportunity to use the many and varied parking facilities nearby, eg on surrounding streets, at Grove Park car park, the Sovereign Centre and the Royal Hotel. There are already other churches nearby which seem to manage parking wise. I believe there are other flats above shops and offices in that area so as long as building regs are adhered to, I would not object to providing flats in this building too. The premises has been empty for some years and it would be good to see it smartened up and in use again. It may even encourage other businesses to open in that very run down area if there is going to be regular increased footfall.
07.08.2025	S	Yes I support this project.
07.08.2025	O	My main concern is the impact the alterations will make to the increase in footfall. As a consequence, more parking will be needed, and I believe that there isn't enough parking at the moment for the current amount of traffic let alone the projected increase. Unless the council can come up with a plan to cater for that increase, then I must object to the proposed change.

07.08.2025	O	I have been a resident in Weston-super-Mare in the Boulevard Conservation Area for the last 20 years and I am proud that this area and the other local conservation areas have managed, with reasonable planning decisions in the past, to on the whole, maintain its character in keeping with a Victorian Seaside Town. I have some concerns regarding the Mosque extension planning application with this regard. I cannot see how this will be in-keeping with the conservation area. Having read extensive documentation on the subject that is designed to protect this area I am left extremely perplexed. I have concerns relating to the clash of the streetscene appeal and think it will look totally out of place. In addition I think there are serious practical considerations regarding location, access, parking and on-going interference with the local business and residents. It states in the planning document that the Mosque is also to be used as a morgue. I consider that this is totally unacceptable in a town centre residential and business district where there are families and food outlets. If this planning is granted I think there will be a public outcry in the town that will be detrimental to the good work that we have seen and expect from NSC Planning Department. Thank you for considering my comments and I implore you are able to make the right decision for the community you represent
07.08.2025	O	We do not need this in weston, it will encourage and destroy our "little" town
07.08.2025	O	The Islamification of the UK must stop, and it has to start at grass roots level. So I object, NO TO PLANNING APPROVAL OF THIS MOSQUE.
07.08.2025	O	I don't see why it should be allowed
07.08.2025	O	There is no convincing case for extending the Mosque. To do so would inconvenience residents in neighbouring streets by exacerbating parking problems and traffic noise, thereby impacting their quality of life.
07.08.2025	S	It's always been there the uproar is unwarranted. The expansion is probably better than having another pop up with the reaction from people over it. I think you also have a legal obligation to but some cctv up to protect the place given the amount of hate that's come from this. We are 3 to 4 generations in with our Muslim community, many of them giving a great deal financially and within the community support to the town. Why shouldn't they have a place to go that's big enough. It's very clear that people are linking the sanctuary status and the planning permission together which is completely unfair on our muslim community. The sanctuary status isn't a good idea we have a housing crisis, financially destroyed as a town, lacking services and limited jobs. We are not the place. Having lived in Birmingham for 8 years I have experienced different cultures and religions. It's the Muslims that take the heat because of extremists but you get them in all religions and cultures. The arguments against are poor online like parking. It's no different to the gym or the child's play centre or the museum or the other businesses. The community needs rebuilding and relationships between cultures and religion too before the town looks any further into being a sanctuary.
07.08.2025	S	This will be a positive space and is much needed in this town. Please don't let the small minded fascists win. I attended a lovely welcoming event on The Boulevard. I met people from a different cultural background and I learned so much. I also learned how we are all similar. We all want to come together and work together to make Weston Town a better place. This can only add to our community. Please approve of this application.
06.08.2025	O	This extension is not needed for our town on the grounds unnessasary Noise (Call to prayer) And There is no Long Term Parking in the area This Extension will have a detrimental effect on this area of the town. Dialogue is needed

06.08.2025	O	<p>I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the enlargement of the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare, which proposes incorporating an existing High Street charity shop into the mosque premises. My objections are based on several significant concerns regarding the potential impact on the local community, infrastructure, and adherence to local regulations and values.</p> <p>Economic Impact The proposed change of use for the charity shop will result in no business rates revenue for the local authority. This loss of potential income could negatively impact public services and the economic vitality of the High Street.</p> <p>Parking and Traffic Concerns The immediate vicinity of the current centre has limited to no real parking. An enlarged facility will inevitably lead to an increase in demand for parking, exacerbating existing issues and potentially causing significant traffic congestion, particularly during prayer times and special events. This lack of adequate parking infrastructure has not been sufficiently addressed in the application.</p> <p>Public Safety and Fire Risk There is a flat located at the rear of the current centre. If the access to this area is blocked, it poses a serious fire risk to residents of that property. Emergency vehicle access must be guaranteed at all times, and the current proposal appears to disregard this critical safety concern.</p> <p>Lack of Public Notification I am concerned that no visible public notice of this proposed development was given near the current centre. This lack of direct local notification meant that members of the public, including residents directly affected by the proposal, were not adequately informed or given a fair opportunity to voice their support or objections in a timely manner. The only public announcement appears to have been in a local paper approximately a week ago, which is insufficient for a development of this nature and potential impact.</p> <p>Impact on Residential Amenity and Noise Disturbance The congregation times, particularly during events like Ramadan, could lead to increased noise and disturbance in the early hours of the morning, causing significant stress for local residents. The regular coming and going of large groups of people, especially men, at various prayer times throughout the day and night may also disrupt the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood and could be perceived as unsettling by passers-by and visitors to the area.</p> <p>Architectural and Heritage Discrepancy The proposed facade at the back of the building is not in keeping with the feel and heritage of other architecture nearby. This incongruity could negatively impact the visual aesthetics of the area and detract from Weston-super-Mare's unique architectural character, particularly for holidaymakers and tourists walking past. It is crucial that any new development respects and complements the existing urban fabric.</p> <p>Concerns Regarding Legal and Social Integration I am deeply concerned about the potential for the practice of Sharia law within the premises, given that the Imam, Tanweer, reportedly specialises in this area. The UK operates under common law, and there is a concern that practices within the centre may not align with or could potentially contradict English laws and values, particularly regarding gender equality. The plan for separate entrances for men and women at the front of the building specifically raises questions about adherence to UK gender equality laws and principles, which promote equal access and nondiscrimination. There is a fear that, without sufficient oversight from the local authority, activities within the centre may deviate from established British legal and social norms.</p> <p>Impact on Tourism and Public Perception The proposed development, with its potentially invasive facade and perceived deviation from local architectural norms and social practices, could be off-putting for holidaymakers and visitors walking past. Weston-super-Mare is a popular tourist destination, and new developments should enhance, rather than detract from, its appeal and welcoming atmosphere.</p> <p>For these aforementioned reasons - including the lack of business rates, severe parking issues, fire safety risks, inadequate public notification, potential noise disturbance, architectural inconsistency, concerns about legal and social integration, and negative impact on public perception - I strongly object to this planning application. I urge the North Somerset Council Planning Department to consider these serious objections and reject the proposed development.</p>
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05.08.2025	O	Already enough places of worship in the town. Need more shops not more mosques.

05.08.2025	O	This is in addition to what I have already submitted : This does not fit with the "UK Government's Improving Weston programme" which states: "it's goal is to transform Weston-super-Mare's town centre and seafront into a vibrant, year-round destination for residents, businesses, and visitors". Once the shop has gone it will be gone for good and there will be no business rates from it as a charity it is exempt.
05.08.2025	S	I would like to oppose said planning for a mosque. I do not believe this is in keeping with area in any way . It seems that many local residents feel this way and yet the comments are removed. I do not believe this to be of benefit to this British seaside town at this location. I respect all religions and cultures but that works both ways . This is a seaside holiday destination. Friends from Sweden recently came to visit and see the pier, fish and chips seaside promenade and enjoy the British experience. This is a town that needs the tourist trade .
04.08.2025	S	I think people of all faiths in our multicultural society should have space to worship
04.08.2025	O	I have serious concerns about how the local area and the residents will be affected
04.08.2025	O	They already have a place of worship they don't need it extended and the building changed to look like a mosque the area is ran down as it is this won't make it any better just reduce the rates and try to encourage more businesses to open in Weston
04.08.2025	O	This is a terrible idea which I strongly disagree with. Should be supporting this country's faith in Christianity, using money to support homelessness and Army veterans. Our country is falling apart with how it's being run. Enough is enough
03.08.2025	S	
03.08.2025	O	No mosque in that road. Unnecessary.
03.08.2025	O	The last thing this country needs is any kind of Islamic expansion. If they don't have enough space where they are then they should find another venue for their needs elsewhere instead of this unnecessary work.
03.08.2025	S	(Not sure if I successfully submitted my comment, so I'm trying again) As a citizen who would ideally prefer a secular society with no religions at all, I'm prepared to tolerate this mosque extension providing its leaders and congregation actively control all extremism within their faith; and minimise any inconvenience to the local community. So, as much as I am not in favour of any religions, I am more opposed to the organised deluge of irrational prejudiced objections from extremist far-right bigots. I'd hope town centre residents and the mosque can coexist with at least a minimum of respect and tolerance.
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03.08.2025	O	There is no benefit to the local community of Weston super mare for this to go ahead, money could be spent on other projects that would help the people who need it more.

02.08.2025	O	Islam is not compatible with Western values and should not be aided to spread in the UK.
02.08.2025	S	I support this to improve the character of the area. Its a change that is sympathetic to the local area and will improve the area. These sorts of applications should be approved, because it improves the area. I am personally disgusted by the xenophobic at best attitude of those online. This improvement can only be good for weston. I am a regular in weston and look forward to this application being allowed.
02.08.2025	S	Good to see investment in the town centre.
01.08.2025	O	I object because we have homeless, turn it into bedsits, we need a better town centre, so much more you could spend money on and help more people, it will never be big enough for them, we don't need it bigger, we need more places where we can all meet and integrate
01.08.2025	O	1. Concerns over community balance. 2. Prefer maintaining current religious footprint
01.08.2025	O	Should be left as shops and small businesses encouraged to take over we need more regular shops up and running to save central weston
01.08.2025	S	I am in support of this proposal.
01.08.2025	O	Not only will it cause noise pollution but also issues with traffic and parking in that area. There is no demographic need for a second mosque in Weston.
01.08.2025	O	The high street Would benefit better with more shops from small business, this would more likely bring more footfall to the area
31.07.2025	S	I support this application as there are many Muslims in the area who attend to worship and space is currently limited. With expansion of the centre, education and worship will be enhanced and improved for the community. Travelling to Bridgwater, Taunton and Bristol is not possible for some members of the community and not practical or environmentally friendly.
31.07.2025	O	My concerns are the expansion onto Waterloo Street. Given the proximity. Bars and nightclubs. I can't help thinking this will create more division within the town along with potential trouble at night. Also the lack of parking. If the previous education centre was adequate, why the expansion with flats?
31.07.2025	O	I object to having this planning application. There are enough religious places within the town for people to come and do there prayers. Weston is a community where religions are practiced and welcome people to come and pray. The islamics religion is welcome in our churches and they will also learn with the community. We don't need extension on the building. My other objection is that there will be more traffic in this built up in this area.and this could also encourage people to loiter around.
31.07.2025	S	Visited Weston Super Mare on my holidays and I seen such a diverse and welcoming community. It's great to see the council supporting initiatives to bring diversity and inclusion in the town. It's an educational facility too which will enable the younger generations to prosper
31.07.2025	O	I object.
30.07.2025	O	Wm needs money being spent on community stuff that is a benefit to all and not just one faith group.

30.07.2025	O	The proposal represents overdevelopment of the site, with potential noise and disturbance from increased activity, and would negatively impact the character of a predominantly residential and retail area.
30.07.2025	O	Objection based on increased traffic and a complete lack of parking. Increased noise levels and a building for this purpose is out of character with the surrounding area.
29.07.2025	O	Changing this site from retail to non-retail use reduces local shopping options and could harm the area's commercial activity, especially in an already struggling retail climate.
29.07.2025	O	I object to this development for the following reasons: 1) WSM needs business and retail. This development is in an area which the council itself has designated for business. I object to the change of use. 2) Parking in the area is already a problem. The development does not include any parking facilities for its users, so this will make the parking problem worse. 3) Places of workshop are exempt council tax, so this development and the flats above will not pay either business or council tax. This development is of no financial benefit to WSM. This area was once thriving in terms of small shops, bars, cafes, iron mongers, etc. I think the council needs to concentrate on attracting business instead of changing use. For the reasons above - I object to this development.
29.07.2025	O	I urge you to reconsider.Shortage of parking will make this building impossible.
28.07.2025	S	Waterloo Street is currently very run-down with lots of empty shops. Hopefully, the change of use and upgrades will set an example to the owners of the empty shops to tidy up a bit. I love that this will be an education centre as well as a Mosque because, equally, there are plenty of residents in Weston that need to be educated about the Muslim way of life, and it's also a great way for Muslims to integrate into the Weston community. Everyone's a winner!
28.07.2025	O	I believe men and women are equal. I can see there is a separate entrance for women which I disagree with. What example would this give our young children when they can see that people are being treated differently based on their gender? I am also concerned about community cohesion. Having visited many towns where there is a large Muslim population (Accrington,Oldham, Bradford, Luton, etc) it has been startling to see the divisions. There is a problem with integration and I don't want to see that replicated in my home town.
28.07.2025	O	I wish to object to the proposed development on the grounds that it may compromise the unique identity and heritage of Weston-super-Mare. As a historic British seaside town, Weston has long been defined by its tranquil atmosphere, Victorian architecture, and coastal charm. These qualities are not only valued by residents but also form the basis of its appeal to visitors and its cultural legacy. Introducing a large-scale community facility in a quiet residential area risks altering the town's established character. The potential increase in noise, traffic, and urban density may erode the peaceful environment that generations have worked to preserve. This development appears inconsistent with the town's traditional aesthetic and may set a precedent for further changes that dilute its identity. I respectfully urge the planning authority to consider the long-term cultural and environmental impact of this proposal, and to prioritise the preservation of Weston-super-Mare's distinctive seaside heritage.
28.07.2025	O	I object
28.07.2025	O	As a female I do not see this expansion as a good thing. This country has a modern outlook towards all sexes, the Muslim culture does not. Keir Starmer

28.07.2025	S	I support this initiative, the Islamic centre is a focal point for the community, uniting people of all backgrounds- it is a welcome change to much of the deprivation and homelessness which is spreading across Weston like a wildfire. The extension will ensure that Weston gets the footfall it truly deserves, the mosque should also be given the opportunity for community outreach. The extension will prevent crowding, as it has a high footfall on key prayer dates. It is not an Intrusive extension, but a peaceful one.
27.07.2025	S	0
27.07.2025	S	Comments: "I'm grateful for the positive influence the mosque has on our community." "I appreciate the mosque's efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone." "The mosque is a beautiful and important part of our town." "I support the mosque's mission to promote peace, understanding, and community engagement." "I believe the mosque plays a vital role in strengthening our community and promoting positive values."
27.07.2025	O	While religious freedom is a protected right and the presence of a mosque would serve the spiritual needs of a segment of the local population, there are valid concerns regarding the suitability of the proposed location from an infrastructure and planning perspective. 1. Traffic and Parking Strain: A mosque can attract hundreds of worshippers, especially during Friday prayers and religious festivals like Eid. If the proposed site is in a residential or congested area, this could significantly increase traffic and pressure on local parking. Weston-super-Mare already faces seasonal congestion due to tourism, and adding a high-footfall religious centre could exacerbate this issue. 2. Zoning Compatibility: The proposed location may not align with existing zoning designations or the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. For example, if it's primarily residential, introducing a building that may be used daily - and intensively on certain days - could disrupt the local environment and lifestyle of residents. 3. Noise and Activity Levels: While mosques are generally quiet buildings, increased daily foot traffic and activities such as evening prayer calls (if amplified), educational programmes, or community events might alter the quiet nature of some neighbourhoods. Noise and activity levels need to be carefully considered and managed. 4. Lack of Consultation with Local Community: If the project is moving forward without adequate consultation with nearby residents, it could lead to resentment or misunderstanding. Local planning decisions should reflect inclusive dialogue and ensure that all residents feel heard, regardless of the project's nature.
27.07.2025	O	I feel threatened by any additional change to the use
27.07.2025	O	seeing as the Council is struggling financially and our council rates are going up as a resident of Weston super mare I would like to know where the money for the alterations are coming from? I feel the money would be better spent on the People of Weston who have grown up here and contributed to the town I have paid my taxes all my working life and now seem to be penalized for being British and have no say in the town I was raised and born in. shame on you N Somerset.
27.07.2025	O	I feel that it will cause tension because it is already a touchy subject and quite unnecessary to have it in the middle of town. Bournville shops might be a better location
27.07.2025	O	Why does this small town need a bigger Islamic centre? There is one
27.07.2025	O	We do not need this in our town.
27.07.2025	O	I object to this. I feel that this will ruin the boulevard, it's already becoming very run down with empty shops. What is happening to our Victorian seaside town? Please keep the shops as shops!

27.07.2025	O	I am a little concerned to see a 'female' only door on this building! Surely this 'education centre' should be inclusive to the laws of our land which is equality? This is not moving forward, to be fully inclusive at all. I feel we really do not need another centre when the Mosque is just around the corner - why can they not educate there?
27.07.2025	O	I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of use and associated works at 14 Waterloo Street, 16 Waterloo Street, and 66 Palmer Street, Weston-super-Mare. The application seeks to change the use of 14 Waterloo Street from a retail (Class E) unit to a place of worship and education centre (Class F1) for the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque, alongside extensive internal and external alterations and the creation of two self-contained flats. My objections are based on the following concerns: 1. Impact on Traffic and Parking: The introduction of a place of worship and education centre in this location is likely to significantly increase footfall and vehicle traffic, particularly during peak worship times and educational events. The area already suffers from limited parking availability and narrow streets, and no clear provisions have been outlined in the proposal to accommodate the inevitable increase in demand. This could result in severe congestion and illegal or inconsiderate parking in surrounding residential streets. 2. Noise and Disturbance: Places of worship and education centres often involve gatherings at early morning, evening, and weekend hours. The nature and frequency of these gatherings, along with associated foot traffic and vehicular movements, may create a persistent noise disturbance to nearby residents, especially those living in close proximity to the rear of Palmer Street. 3. Change of Character and Overdevelopment: The proposed change of use and internal reconfiguration - including the creation of residential flats - introduces a mixed-use arrangement in a relatively compact and historically commercial setting. This may represent an overdevelopment of the site and could set an unwanted precedent for further changes in use that disrupt the character of the area. The inclusion of residential flats above a busy community centre also raises questions about appropriate living conditions for future occupants. 4. Lack of Community Consultation: There appears to have been limited engagement with the local community regarding this significant proposal. Given the scale and potential impact of the development, further public consultation should be undertaken to understand and respond to the concerns of local residents and businesses. 5. Design and Heritage Considerations: Waterloo Street is within a conservation area and forms part of the historic town centre. The external alterations proposed - including new windows, doors, and a raised roof light - must be carefully scrutinised to ensure they are sympathetic to the heritage character and visual integrity of the streetscape. For the reasons outlined above, I urge the planning authority to reject the current proposal, or at the very least require a comprehensive traffic management plan, noise assessment, and community impact study before any decision is made.
27.07.2025	S	I fully support this proposal because I believe this country represents true freedom, especially when it comes to religion. Everyone should have the right to live here and practice their faith freely, as long as they follow the country's laws. Religious freedom is a key part of a fair and democratic society, and this proposal helps protect that right. It's important that we continue to welcome and respect people of all beliefs.
27.07.2025	S	This development will bring significant benefits to the local community by providing a dedicated space for spiritual growth, cultural learning, and community engagement.
27.07.2025	O	I object to this.
27.07.2025	S	Everyone has the right to worship freely and peacefully. I'm sorry that the majority of the objections are filled with racist drivel.
27.07.2025	O	I suggest a door to door canvass of every single person in north Somerset regarding this. I want to know the funding streams compared to other religious building and whether there is discrimination against other faiths and their funding. Parking is unsuitable and the area is already an anti social hot-spot. Community tensions are inevitable.
27.07.2025	O	I object to this, nothing to do with being racist.

27.07.2025	O	This is not an appropriate use of the building for the following reasons: 1. It is not appropriate to the area. 2. There would be an increase in noise from the construction and or alteration of the building. And it subsequent use implies regular noise. 3. Traffic would increase. Not good for residents and environment. 4. It is not in keeping with the current style of buildings in the area. 5. There is no visible Risk Assessment or environmental impact plan in place for the changes proposed or the subsequent completion. 6. Parking is a problem in this area which will affect residents adversely when it is not considered in the application.
26.07.2025	S	For people objecting because they don't like the separate entrances for men and women, it's not as thought we're even attempting to force you to do the same, is it? Everyone is well within their rights to have their own opinion, and it can be voiced respectfully. But if we personally just feel more comfortable doing this, what is the problem? Especially if this is not an establishment you will frequent or participate in yourself, then why should we be subject to do things to your liking when whichever way we do it won't actually affect you, and is not a safeguarding or wellbeing issue that everyone has a responsibility to act on? I'm sure you would be less than happy if we even attempted to suggest the opposite if the tables were turned
26.07.2025	O	I have significant concerns regarding the suitability of this specific site for the proposed use, particularly in relation to traffic congestion, parking limitations, and the impact on the architectural integrity of the area. 1. Traffic and Highway Safety: Waterloo Street and the surrounding roads (including Palmer Street) are narrow, often congested, and ill-equipped to cope with an increase in vehicular traffic. A place of worship and education centre is likely to attract a high volume of visitors, especially during peak times such as Friday prayers, religious holidays, and educational sessions. This would inevitably lead to increased vehicle movements in an already constrained area, raising safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists as well as contributing to noise and air pollution. 2. Parking Constraints: The proposed development does not appear to provide adequate on-site parking. Local parking facilities are already under pressure from residents, businesses, and visitors to the nearby town centre. Additional demand generated by regular gatherings at the proposed mosque and education centre will likely exacerbate existing parking issues. This could result in illegal or inconsiderate parking on neighbouring streets, creating further disruption for local residents and businesses. 3. Architectural Impact and Heritage Considerations: The proposed external alterations, including new rear doors and windows and the raised roof light on the flat roof of 66 Palmer Street, are not in keeping with the traditional architectural character of the area. Waterloo Street and Palmer Street are part of a historic streetscape that features Victorian and early 20th-century buildings. The proposed changes risk undermining the visual harmony of the area and could set an unwelcome precedent for further unsympathetic modifications. 4. Overdevelopment and Intensification of Use: The proposal also includes the creation of two self-contained flats, further intensifying the use of the building and placing additional strain on local infrastructure, including waste collection, water supply, and public services. The combination of a religious centre, educational facility, and residential units within a relatively small footprint raises concerns about overdevelopment. Conclusion: Given the significant concerns related to traffic and parking pressures, the unsuitability of the site's location for a high-footfall community facility, and the negative impact on the character of the built environment, I urge the Council to refuse this application.
26.07.2025	S	There's an ever growing Muslim community, a larger prayer space is necessary and advantageous to physically accommodate them in prayer.
26.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this, it should not be allowed

26.07.2025	O	I do not agree with a Mosque being situated in the town centre of Weston-super-Mare. Firstly, I am very concerned indeed about the limited parking facilities in the vicinity of the proposed mosque. There isn't sufficient parking spaces now. Unfortunately, I feel threatened enough as it is with massive increase in the influx of foreign nationals living in the town in recent months, I find they move around in large groups which I find very intimidating. I rarely go out now as I don't feel safe any longer in my home town. As a true Westonian born and lived here for a lifetime, I find it a very sad situation indeed in my humble opinion. Secondly, I object to this proposal on the grounds of serious concerns over the integrity of the public consultation process surrounding this proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Waterloo Street. I would like to strongly object to this application
26.07.2025	O	I do not want a mosaic at Waterloo st we need to encourage shops to encourage people down the high street as a mosaic it is not diverse enough as it only encourages Moslems to that area and that will stop other people going to thee as t area
26.07.2025	O	Doesn't need to be bigger
26.07.2025	S	Very good step for muslim community
26.07.2025	S	I highly recommend this expansion because of the sustainability of a small community of muslims here , it wont hurt anyone if this expansion happened, neither do a building will have any bad impact on anyone. Thanks.
26.07.2025	S	We are writing to humbly request your support for the extension of our beloved Masjid. With our community growing rapidly, the current space is no longer sufficient to accommodate all worshippers, especially during peak times and special events. An extension would provide much-needed room for prayer, educational programs, and community gatherings, fostering a more inclusive and spiritually enriching environment for everyone. Your generous contribution would be instrumental in helping us create a larger, more welcoming space that serves the evolving needs of our community for generations to come.
26.07.2025	O	I strongly object this , I do not think Weston requires this nor will this help our dying town. Listen to the public and stop deleting objections. Not how democracy works. YOUR MANIPULATING THIS APPLICATION
25.07.2025	O	An extension to the already existing mosque is basically an extension to the already exsisting parking issue we have surrounding it. No respect by a minority who use it and park around it and they are rude when confronted about the illegal ways in which they park. There seems to be no consideration what so ever for residents from either North Somerset council or the users of the mosque. Noise pollution from the call to prayer? Emergency escape routes for the proposed dwellings above? Building within keeping of surrounding victorian properties? Separate doors for male and female? From a genuine hardworking non racist tax payer (for what it's worth)
25.07.2025	S	I would like to support this project as it will help Muslim community to get better worship place and better community for the people.
25.07.2025	S	Throughout the world a third of a billion Christians are persecuted for their faith. Thousands die every year. If you want to know more go to the Open Doors website. So, as a Christian, I believe strongly in religious freedom for ALL. Therefore I support the need for our Islamic brother's and sisters to worship God.
25.07.2025	O	Decline a Weston s mare need more shops and small family run businesses not an education Center. The town Center is dying
25.07.2025	S	I want this expansion happen
25.07.2025	S	I visit WSM regularly and find this facility very useful to do my prayers. The 9nlt problem is that it is very crowded. Therefore this proposed expansion is badly needed for the community who benefit from it. I strongly support this application.

25.07.2025	O	There is no parking provision. The increase in traffic will surely need parking provision of some kind. Assuming visitors would be arriving all at once there will be a need for several parking spaces at once. Whereas the current incarnation being a shop receive visitors over time and or on foot spreading the need for parking over the day rather than at specific times.
25.07.2025	S	Alhamdulillah we support. This adds value to the community
25.07.2025	O	Why not get the shops back to how they used to be and bring custom into Weston
25.07.2025	O	the design is totally out off sync with the surrounding Victorian architecture making an unnecessary visual statement
25.07.2025	S	As a frequent visitor to Weston, this mosque would be a welcome addition to the community. Therefore I STRONGLY SUPPORT this proposal. Additionally as with all mosques, it will not only be a religious center but one of charity supporting the local non-Muslim community
25.07.2025	O	Strongly object. Islam is not compatible with British of sexual equality for women and LGBT individuals.
25.07.2025	O	I feel that the facade of this building is not on keeping with its surrounding buildings. I also feel that the additional noise and parking issues will be detrimental to the area,

		<p>As a town resident my objections set out below would equally apply to establishing a new synagogue, church, gurdwara or any other place of worship for that matter that is seeking planning consent in an unsuitable location like Waterloo Street and Palmer Street. The significant building work necessary to convert and repurpose the building and the proposed dramatic change to its appearance to create a completely dedicated mosque is not in keeping with the architecture and style of other buildings in the vicinity. It will also impact the status of listed buildings in the neighborhood. The decision to establish a dominant place of worship within a smaller Muslim community needs to be considered carefully if there are larger nearby towns/city that serve greater Muslim communities and have the capacity to provide the needed services. As with any place of worship the main issues impacting local residents are to do with noise, people parking, blocking of local streets and blocking resident access. The problem is further exacerbated in narrow residential streets like Waterloo Street and Palmer Street which already face significant parking pressures and limitations. The current issues will only worsen and become intolerable for local residents. I live in an area where the main church for that area is on a main residential road, and come any activity held at that church sees the main road itself, as well as a nearby tiny carpark, blocked with cars. Given this place of worship was established within the community hundreds of years ago all current property owners and residents had a choice whether to live in close proximity to a place of worship. Unless there is overwhelming consent by local residents directly affected by this planning proposal then you would be depriving them of the same freedom of choice and this would be deemed undemocratic. Any place of worship usually mean loud prayer and celebration, subjecting the nearby residents to unwanted noise that cannot be avoided, and therefore should not be forced upon the impacted local residents. As with Church bells the issue of a call to prayer amplified by speakers five times a day would unfairly disturb local residents. Weston-super-Mare has a very small integrated Muslim population, indeed none of the surrounding towns have any sizable Muslim population either and no significant change in a generation, which raises a valid question about the timing and need for a Mosque in the town, or is it due to other factors such as current local and/or central govt policy dramatically influencing anticipated changes in population demographic? Establishing a Mosque would be a beacon to attract more residents, and this might bring significant pressure on local businesses to become halal certified and a point of contention for other residents. Any further population increase in the town, will make property even more unaffordable through heightened demand, and promote a higher population density (as the town is bound by floodplains, so expanding it might be difficult) creating a greater strain on the overstretched failing health and social services. Sadly all of this will be damaging to Weston's 'small town' Victorian seaside character, impacting tourism and regional prosperity. Other specific key impacts on residential amenity of the proposed plans include: - Loss of Privacy: The extension work overlooks neighboring properties, potentially impacting privacy in gardens or inside homes. - Loss of Light/Overshadowing: The redesign risks blocking sunlight from reaching existing properties or gardens, particularly during winter months. - Excessive Noise and Disturbance: Construction noise during the conversion and more pertinent the noise from the completed development with its planned change of use will disrupt residents' peace. - Overbearing or Out of Character Design: The proposed change to the style and architecture is out of place with the surrounding area's character. - Increased Traffic: Establishing a new place of worship will inevitably lead to more vehicles on the road, heightened noise pollution, environmental and health risks, more congestion which collectively raise safety concerns for residents, pedestrians and other resident road users. I would like to be reassured that the consultation period where civil planning experts consider issues such as these, and any person or group who feels the need to do so can raise an objection to the council for consideration. This goes for ANY building within a council's area, not just places of worship.</p>
25.07.2025	O	
25.07.2025	O	Women shouldn't be segregated in the uk
25.07.2025	S	I work across the road from the building in question. Better something done with it than not. It's in a conservation area so not like they'll be able to change the exterior on it. Will make little to no difference to the surrounding area and there's already a mosque next door.

25.07.2025	S	<p>I haven't lived in Weston myself, but my son has lived there as a student. During that time, the existing Islamic centre became his safe haven, a place of peace, friendship, and support when he was far from home. That's why I'm writing to strongly support this application. This is a lifeline for Young people like my Son. For students, newcomers, or anyone feeling isolated, spaces like this aren't just about prayer, they're about belonging. The current centre is clearly overstretched; expanding it means more young people can find the same guidance and stability my son did. The proposed education centre will offer classes and mentoring, exactly what a struggling town centre needs to keep kids engaged and off the streets. Rather than have empty shops as an eyesore in your town, why not transform them into a mosque, which brings people together. It will attract people and help support local businesses. Someone above suggested an industrial estate and units, they are in isolated locations, and a town centre location is easily accessible for the elderly, disabled and the vulnerable. As a frequent visitor to Weston, like any other town, yes parking is an issue in Weston. This is NOT due to the mosque, this has ALWAYS been an issue and should not be used as an excuse to prevent a much needed community initiative. Parking is an independent issue which cannot be linked to the mosque. Some comments are very unfair and stereotypical, suggesting that masses will be 'flooding' the town. My son met doctors, professors, students and families, all people who positively contribute to the community. He built a home and community for himself around the current mosque, Therefore I request for you to approve 25/P/0530/FUL.</p>
25.07.2025	O	I don't agree with the proposal at all
25.07.2025	O	<p>1) Flood risk. The flats are a more vulnerable use. The FRA is incorrect. Climate change has not been taken account of. The area is predicted to be FZ3. 2) The flats are not designed to a good enough standard. There is no mention of noise impact or mitigation on the occupants from the proposed uses at GFL & 1FL levels. 3) Noise and nuisance impact on the neighbouring properties for the amount of people that the proposed use could accommodate. It is quite clear that the occupants of Palmer Street will be affected considerably. 4) There appears to be a morgue in the building. Health and safety will need to be strictly adhered to. There is no indication as to the amount of bodies to be stored. 5) The separate women's entrance is not subtle and therefore a legitimate concern arises with regards to the Equality Act 2010 and the councils own equality policy on equality, inclusion and discrimination in the wider community. This is clear discrimination in the public domain. 6) The location is poor; this should not be in a dense urban area where too many people and cars will create noise and nuisance for existing residents who have rights to a peaceful life. 7) There is clearly a lack of parking which will exacerbate local parking issues.</p>
25.07.2025	O	There is no need of another mosque there's already one in town .
25.07.2025	O	<p>Traffic and Parking: The surrounding roads are already congested during peak times, and the application does not appear to provide sufficient parking for increased capacity. This could lead to increased on-street parking, affecting access for residents and emergency vehicles. Noise and Disturbance: The expansion will result in larger congregations and more frequent events, which could lead to an unacceptable increase in noise levels, particularly during early morning or late evening hours.</p>
25.07.2025	O	No more mosque enough are built already it will spoil weston-super-mare
25.07.2025	O	I object on the grounds of the increase traffic. I object on the grounds of another shop closing
25.07.2025	S	There's already an Islamic centre in town, its simply moving. The animosity that so many locals have towards people of a different faith is quite frankly disgusting.
25.07.2025	S	No concerns. The centre has existed for many years with no problems for the community. I would much rather see these building used than remain empty or turned into another pub/bar.

25.07.2025	O	according to the last census weston was 96% white british, there cannot be sufficient population to support an islamic education centre unless something is being undisclosed. it certainly will harm social cohesion and integration by those the council insist are take refuge here
25.07.2025	O	The separate entrances for men and women is illegal under the equality act. This needs rethinking.
25.07.2025	S	I support this. Why not!? The Muslim community is part of our community and have as much right as anyone else to a community centre linked to a place of worship. There seem to be many specious arguments being made about traffic, zebra crossings, etc. These seem, to me, to be masking cultural objections. As far as I can see, these technical arguments are no different than if it were a bar or restaurant being proposed. And, to be fair, this proposal won't empty out at closing time, vomit on the pavement, and fight the Constabulary. So aside from any genuine, reasoned planning obstacles, I think this a great idea
25.07.2025	O	I object to the proposed changes. Parking is already a big issue when the one in Palmer street is being used for worship. Cars dangerously parked (dumped) half on pavements, speeding around the back streets because they are late. This is not something the town is in need of!!!
25.07.2025	O	As a woman i must object as i am very offended by the difrence in the womens entrance in comparison to the mens it is tottally unacceptable and shows a complete lack of respect or value towards women not only to their own women but everybody else also like we are not equal to men and beneath them it is not on
25.07.2025	S	I don't see any problems. There is just renovation works.
25.07.2025	S	I am in favour of this as it has been a positive influence on the community. It has also been working actively to help multiple member of the community who are from the muslim fate practice their religion. There are alot of people who work in important sectors of the community such as doctors & nurses who choose to work in weston hospital as there is a mosque near by.
25.07.2025	S	Living in Cheddar, Weston has the closest Islamic community to us, and as such we need a place for the community to come together. The closest place to us to do this is Bristol, which can take over an hour to get to. This is too far for most of us, particularly the older members, for whom community is essential. We need a space to embrace and celebrate our faith.
25.07.2025	S	I believe the mosjid has been in place for years. Currently you get a lot of people visiting Weston super mare from muslim backgrounds. They choose this as there is a place where they can still practice their religion even when they are away from home. This also shows a positive diversity where all religions can coexist together even in small towns. It also allows alot of local businesses that are owned by muslims in town centre to keep in touch with their roots and practice their religion with in walking distance of their work place.
25.07.2025	S	I am in favour of this, as the mosque has been a positive influential factor on the community. The place serves as more than just a place for prayer, but a safe space for the community to feel supported and have a sense of belonging.
25.07.2025	S	Assalamualaikum everyone's. We need moquse for our community
25.07.2025	S	0
25.07.2025	S	we need more space For Islamic Education centre
25.07.2025	S	0
25.07.2025	S	This Centre provides essential service for local Muslim community. Denying this service will be the violation of the Muslim people's human rights.

25.07.2025	S	<p>I don't understand why some people are so upset over this. Apart from some genuine concerns about parking it seems people are just against the Muslim community establishing themselves in our community. So what if they have certain procedures they want to put in place...FOR THEMSELEVS!!?? It's not like they're trying to force every Tom, Dick and Harry to their way of life. It's not harming anyone to let them do what they want to do. I hope this doesn't sound rude I don't mean it in a disrespectful way but is it not contradictory that we talk about freedom and British values whilst trying to dictate someone else's way of life (especially if it doesn't directly affect us?) Or for people who just don't like Muslims but then don't want to give them a place to themselves so if anything they'll be out of your way? Logically speaking the Muslim community is not going anywhere, and I can attest that they have made valiant efforts to serve the Weston community-for Muslims and non Muslims alike. If we look past the lense of bias this may actually be in the favour of people originally against it</p>
25.07.2025	S	<p>Objection to Proposed Change of Use at 14 Waterloo Street. The proposed change of use from a charity shop (Use Class E) to a place of worship and education centre (Use Class F1) at 14 Waterloo Street, with external alterations and two flats, is unsuitable for the following reasons: 1. Loss of Retail Vitality: The site is within the town centre where Local Plan policies prioritize retaining Use Class E premises to support economic vitality. Removing the charity shop undermines footfall and the area's retail function, with no evidence provided to justify the loss or demonstrate lack of demand for retail use, contrary to NPPF Paragraph 86. 2. Impact on Amenity: A place of worship and education centre will likely increase noise, traffic, and disturbance, disrupting the residential and commercial character of Waterloo Street and Palmer Street. This conflicts with NPPF Paragraph 130, which requires developments to maintain high amenity standards for residents. 3. Inappropriate External Alterations: The proposed new doors, windows, and raised roof light on Palmer Street are out of character with the area's architectural style, potentially harming the visual amenity and heritage value of the streetscape, contrary to Local Plan design policies. 4. Inadequate Parking and Access: The proposal lacks details on parking or access arrangements for worshippers, students, and residents of the proposed flats, risking increased congestion in an area with limited parking, conflicting with Local Plan transport policies. 5. Insufficient Community Consultation: There is no evidence of meaningful engagement with local residents or businesses, undermining NPPF Paragraph 39's emphasis on early community involvement in planning proposals. The proposal fails to align with local and national planning policies and will negatively impact the area's character, economy, and residents' quality of life. I urge the planning authority to refuse this application.</p>
25.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application.
25.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application
25.07.2025	O	I don't feel this is an ideal location. Or wanted by the majority of Weston's residents.
25.07.2025	O	Separate entrance for women is a no no in my book, this is dragging equality back to the early ages....
25.07.2025	O	<p>Looking at the plans for the building, it seems to present the segregation of women, are these UK values? There appears to be much unrest around the UK at the moment, and with other Gov. commissioned reports such as teh Casey report, perhaps reflection is needed before pursuing such applications? And... Looking at other consultation comments, there also appears to be questions over the management of the consultation process? What will be done to demonstrate that the process has been handled in a wholly transparent and objective way, and shows there has been no interference of the outcome? Before these questions are addressed, one can only object to the application.</p>
25.07.2025	O	I do not believe that this is what the people of Weston Super Mare want and or need. I truly think that this will negatively affect surrounding areas and cause an unsettlement within local communities. I object.

25.07.2025	S	I strongly support this motion and believe that it will benefit the local community, not just Muslims but people of all faiths, as the mosque is a pillar of the community, and does a lot of good work in terms of charity for the local residents.
25.07.2025	O	Adding again as my original has also been removed????? Object due to increased levels of traffic and a complete lack of parking. Increased noise levels and a mosque is not in keeping with the surrounding area.
24.07.2025	O	I wish to oppose the planning permission discussed here. There are at present 816 Muslims in Weston. They are adequately served with the mosque/education centre they already have, if you consider there are 32 churches serving the remaining population of Weston (2,829 people for each church) There is no need to extend the facility already present. Not to mention the lack of parking facilities in the immediate area. If the extension to the present facility is planned because of a possible rise in the numbers of people following the Muslim faith, can it be ascertained that that the rise in numbers will be of the same denomination as the present mosque/education centre? They could be Sunni, Shia, ibadi, Sufi and prefer to worship in facilities for their own denomination or at home.
24.07.2025	O	I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal
24.07.2025	O	Strongly Object: Whilst I personally have no issue with any places of religious worship, I do however, object to a structure of intent that will do absolutely nothing to enhance the already decimated town centre. For years the local council have denied and objected to various proposals of developments such as casinos, swimming pools and entertainment venues that would have regenerated and improved the area, also bringing with them much needed employment for the youth, all denied, largely due to the councils opinion that this would eradicate the true essence of a Victorian seas side town. So please tell me how all these can be rejected and subsequently, how will a mosque, sensitively blend in with the cultural nostalgia of our Great British coastal heritage? No personal comments have been made so if this post is removed I will make a formal complaint and escalate matters as I see that a substantial amount of comments objecting to this development have already been removed. Freedom of speech is critical in a functioning democracy, silencing or supressing legitimate concerns of residents will only increase division between the community.
24.07.2025	O	i object this planning application on the parking and not sutable for the area of waterloo street or palmer street
24.07.2025	O	Object. The space could be used for something that could benefit the whole community due to its central location and not just to benefit one religious group. Would be an absoloute eye sore also.
24.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this planning application.
24.07.2025	O	Object due to the seprate entrances. We the public do not want to see women and men segregated and using seprate entrances on public buildings it is not islamaphobic to say so this country has been built on freedom and equality and people have died fighting for it we threw segregation out the window a long time ago and being and the thought of being forced to witness such a thing just because of peoples religious beliefs is terrible and we do not want to witness it. What is next a womens only section at the back of the bus?. Do not support this and reject this it is an insult to free and modern society and everybody who ever fought for it.

24.07.2025	O	This proposal should be refused due to the deletion of legitimate concerns and objections raised by the local community. I strongly object to the Mosque expansion, from a planning aspect, there is lack of sufficient parking for the increase in people. There will be an increase in footfall in what is a largely residential area, this would cause noise concerns. There is also concern that the call to prayer would be played out over loud speakers which would cause noise issues for local residents and be very triggering to people who do not wish to hear this. From a cultural point of view, it is against Western Liberal values to segregate men and women in public buildings. Why is the mens entrance lavish with plenty of space at the front of the building, yet the ladies entrance is a plain door hidden at the back of the building? we have a duty to ensure men and women are treated equally in our society and this is not equal treatment. North Somerset Council I would hope would not endorse the segregation of women. It is clear to see the majority of people object to this application and have very legitimate concerns. It should therefore be refused.
24.07.2025	O	I would like to strongly object this. There is no where to park in town already this would cause so much disruption I think this needs to be re considered please. Think of the people who live there.
24.07.2025	S	We strongly need this for our town. Our town's most shops are boarded up ; this will bring more customers for local businesses. This will make our town more vibrant.
24.07.2025	S	I support this as it will improve women section and will bring positive influences to the community ,
24.07.2025	O	This is not a suitable location to be expanding such a venue. Parking is already an issue. The fact that there is 2 entrances is a blatant sexist affront and should not be tolerated
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	I've been inside the current space and it's lovely. It's a bit of a run-down part of town, so any improvements are a good thing.
24.07.2025	O	This should not happen i 100% object
24.07.2025	O	I would like to raise my concerns regarding this proposal to turn this property into a mosque. This town requires significantly more properties to house the homeless as North Somerset Council is already overwhelmed with the amount of Homeless people forced to sleep rough and with winter approaching this is unacceptable. I agree that everyone has the right to their own religious beliefs and to have the right to worship, however the location of the site I believe will cause an area with already limited parking areas to become completely chaotic and cause significant congestion especially regarding peak times. If a Mosque is to be built I believe a different site with its own car park would be the answer which would not affect the parking but will still cause some level of congestion but it will be manageable. I am slightly concerned however that this project is a political statement, with rising tensions in the UK regarding the migrants crossing the channel that North Somerset Council are putting money towards a luxury and landmarks rather than a need, as per my first paragraph the county requires more homes for the residents of Weston Super Mare who require Social Housing right now but all this will do is attract more people to the town that is fundamentally failing with it's own infrastructure. Thank you
24.07.2025	O	This is a conservation area And predominantly Victorian architecture ,Middle Eastern architecture does not suite the area. There is a problem with car parking as the venue may have many visiting. There is a problem As a lot of Sunni Muslims Are an anti Israeli And it is bringing International problems Into the centre of Weston super mare . Jewish citizens may feel intimidated. The Muslim religion is good, but there are groups that are radicalised and terrorists ,it is important that this centre is for all Muslims, and all sects alivi,sunni sharia, drous etc

24.07.2025	O	I object to this application on following basis: 1) the increased size of property will require additional local car parking and car drop off points. It will impact Weston traffic flow. None have been provided. 2) the increased number of people attending would surely require a fire escape incase of fire. None are shown on plan. 3) the large number of attendees on a Friday service will impact parking for the local businesses. 4) the property contains a morgue. This is next to internal kitchen, alongside the next door property and local cafes/shops, which seems inappropriate. This will also increase the local parking. Is this permitted in the local conservation rules?
24.07.2025	S	I am writing to express my **support** for the proposed change of use of 14 Waterloo Street from a charity shop (Use Class E) to a **place of worship and education centre (Use Class F1)** for the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque. I believe this proposal will bring several benefits to the local area: 1. **Community Benefit and Inclusivity** The development of a place of worship and education centre will serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of a growing and diverse local community. It promotes inclusion, provides space for learning and dialogue, and encourages civic engagement. 2. **Positive Use of Vacant/Underused Space** The reuse of an existing retail unit for community purposes prevents long-term vacancy and brings vitality to the town centre, helping to maintain footfall in the area throughout the week. 3. **Sensitive Design and Improvements** The proposed external alterations, including new windows, doors, and a roof light, appear modest and respectful of the existing architecture and character of the area. These improvements will enhance the visual appearance of the Palmer Street elevation. 4. **Provision of New Housing** The creation of two self-contained flats contributes to the local housing supply and makes good use of upper floors, which are often underutilised in town centre buildings. 5. **Encouragement of Sustainable Development** The scheme promotes the sustainable use of a centrally located building, with access to public transport and amenities. This helps reduce reliance on new-build development and supports urban regeneration. In summary, I welcome the opportunity for 14 Waterloo Street to become a valued community hub and support this application for its thoughtful design, positive social impact, and efficient reuse of existing urban space.
24.07.2025	S	I support this application. It is an expansion of a mosque that already exists and it is funded fully by the Muslim community.
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	I agree with this motion, the mosque is a central part of the Muslim community, by allowing this motion, it will allow the local community and attendees to feel supported, safe and heard.
24.07.2025	S	I truly believe this will bring really good community cohesion! 100% will increase diversity and education is really important in Morden day society.
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	I support this.
24.07.2025	S	This expansion is needed for the growing Muslim community.
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	I fully support the mosque extension and stand with all members of our community.
24.07.2025	S	I support them because it is good to have a place for every religion and Muslims here very peacefully pray so this place is very important for them
24.07.2025	S	As Muslims, our local mosque is the heart of our community-a place for prayer, unity, and spiritual growth. By supporting and protecting it, we ensure a safe space to gather, worship, and teach our children the values of Islam. Let's come together to preserve this sacred place for future generations.

24.07.2025	O	I object, the population of this town already feel isolated, parking is non existent and any call to prayer will just anger residents. A much better use of this space would be to help the homeless.
24.07.2025	O	I object
24.07.2025	S	It is disheartening to see the racist comments regarding this proposal, which unfortunately highlight a concerning lack of inclusivity in Weston. This further underscores the vital need for projects like the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque, which will actively promote understanding, education and community cohesion within our town. I am confident that the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque will be a positive and contributing presence in the neighbourhood. I urge you to approve this application.
24.07.2025	O	Look at the big picture... We do not need this in Weston
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	I support this proposal
24.07.2025	S	I feel this will really benefit the community and help the community to integrate together and create safe spaces for all groups of people. Mosques are an open space for all people and tend to host community events open for all. It can also be a safe space for women to go to and of course important for the minority group of Muslims to have a place to worship. Others may wish to enter to learn more or also participate in prayer. Islam is a religion of togetherness and peace.
24.07.2025	S	Fully support this
24.07.2025	O	This application will do absolutely nothing to enhance the town centre. In fact I'm my view it will do the complete opposite. The first application was the one that was needed but I'm sure these objections will have no relevance to the planners, they will do what the council wants, just like the city of refuge was pushed through with very little consultation.
24.07.2025	O	I don't think it is something that Weston required
24.07.2025	O	We don't need will cause more trouble
24.07.2025	O	I object to a Mosque in the Great Weston Conservation Area of WSM. It's an historic urban area - a Victorian seaside town that has a particular character that we should do our utmost to retain. The architectural drawings facades of the mosque are antithetical to the current Victorian ones that give WSM its flavour and charm. It would create more parking problems in WSM - the Western Islamic Centre on Waterloo Street is an 11 minute walk from the Grand Pier. A mosque would put further parking pressure in an area that enjoys a high level of tourism and a frustrating lack of parking - particularly in the summer. I spend quite a lot of time in WSM as my son goes to Weston College (Knightstone campus). Noise is another reason I object. The Islamic call to prayer 5 times a day starting at 5 am is unfair to local residents potentially disrupting sleep and again, changing the character of the town. I hope all concerned in the planning process consider these important considerations and the objections of the local residents
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	S	0
24.07.2025	O	I object to a mosque being built in North Somerset, this is a Christian country and too many mosques are being built.
24.07.2025	S	Weston is now multicultural now and this should be reflected in the places of worship in the area.

24.07.2025	S	Users of this community centre have always been respectful to both the building and the surrounding area. A cultural/ multipurpose centred place will only enrich the community further.
24.07.2025	O	Does not have any positive influence on increasing the already struggling retail sector. We need actual shops other than charity shops, vape shops etc.
24.07.2025	O	There will be segregation within this establishment which is not in line with our country's equal rights laws so why are we potentially allowing this to go ahead? Why should women have a separate entrance? This is not what is needed in Weston. Women have equal rights to men in this country and this building goes against that. Christian churches don't demand women use a separate entrance. They are treated equally. The more we allow this to creep into our society the closer we get to going backwards in our equality rights.
24.07.2025	O	I am against this planning Application for a huge extension of a Muslim Educational Centre in Weston-super-Mare. - Inadequate Parking (in a largely residential area). - Already a congestion area with insufficient loading areas. - Concerns on the fire safety as only one fire exit for the top floor with new residential accommodation and limited fire escapes for a building which appears to be able to accommodate hundreds of people. - Building goes against the town centre plan and is in a conservation area. - Increased noise and disturbance especially during prayer times. - There is also the impact of the characteristics of the area and the visual appearance of the neighbourhood. - Privacy concerns on neighbouring properties. I strongly urge the council to decline this application and take on board the views of the community.
24.07.2025	O	1. Land Use and Suitability: The proposed development is not a suitable alternative to existing community or business uses in the area. The scale and nature of the proposal do not reflect the character or needs of the local community. 2. Parking and Traffic: Insufficient parking provision for worshippers, educators, and residents. Potential for increased traffic congestion and pressure on local infrastructure. 3. Noise and Disturbance: Concerns about regular amplified calls to prayer, particularly at dawn and late evening, which may exceed acceptable noise levels in a residential area. Local norms for religious sound emissions should be respected and regulated. 4. Cultural and Social Integration: The proposal lacks clear plans for inclusive community engagement or integration with local cultural and religious events. Questions remain about how the development will promote shared values and mutual respect within a diverse community. 5. Safety and Social Impact: Potential for increased social division if the site is perceived as exclusive or not representative of the wider community. Concerns about safeguarding, especially if educational activities are involved, without clarity on curriculum or oversight. 6. Conservation and Heritage: The site lies within or near a designated conservation area. The design and use must be sensitive to the historic and architectural character of the surroundings. 7. Transparency and Public Process: There are serious concerns about the integrity of the public consultation process: A significant number of objections were reportedly removed from the planning portal. A sudden influx of near-identical supportive comments raises questions about authenticity and moderation. Allegations of bias and suppression of dissenting views must be addressed to maintain public trust. 8. Clarification Requested: How many individuals will the facility accommodate for prayer and education? What educational content will be delivered, and will it include British cultural and civic education? Will associated residential units be made available to the wider community or reserved for religious leadership?
24.07.2025	S	In my opinion it will the community
24.07.2025	O	There is no need for a mosque in Weston. We have limited parking spaces aswell as limited housing. This will cause a lot of mayhem for us all that live in Weston, this is a Christian country not an Islamic country.

24.07.2025	S	As a regular visitor to Weston-super-Mare from Bristol, I and many others have found this premise and centre to be exceptionally useful and helpful for spiritual and community needs. The existence and presence has increased the retail consumer footfall to that commercial street and it has enhanced the heritage of Weston-super-Mare. The proposed changes are minor/negligible to the facade and the heritage/architectural design of the surrounding buildings. Any comments related to existence of this centre and the community it serves are negligible, as it already exists positively, and such comments are not related to the actual changes. Creating accommodation for new residents is an enhancement to the social fabric, the community and economy of Weston-super-Mare. Please make sure to filter through the comments to capture the ones that are actually related to the proposed change and to discard those that attack a specific minority community for their existence, despite their clear and significant contribution to the society and economy of this great country. Thank you.
24.07.2025	S	I fully support this proposal because it will provide much-needed facilities for worship and education for the Muslim community in Weston. A dedicated space like this will help bring people together, promote understanding, and offer valuable educational opportunities for both children and adults. The building will not only serve faith-based needs but will also contribute positively to the wider community by encouraging inclusivity and cohesion. This is a practical and thoughtful proposal that benefits both the Muslim community and Weston as a whole.
24.07.2025	O	I strongly object, the council should be focusing on local homelessness and local jobs, nothing is to gain from this planning arrangement, uphold our British culture.
24.07.2025	O	Object to expansion of building changing a retail shop to a religious place. I would avoid this area. There needs to be more attempt to encourage retail as this would be a slippery road to losing the town centre outskirts.
24.07.2025	O	From a Fire Safety perspective. Has a Risk Assessment been done? Seems to be facilities for hundreds of people with limited escape routes. The top floor flats only seem to have one route of escape. Was under the impression Flats above commercial properties and properties such as this need to have 2 means of escape
24.07.2025	S	I strongly support this. Mosques are community hubs where people gather for education, charity, and social events.
24.07.2025	O	Object as there isn't enough parking as it is, I also believe it will be unsightly and not fit.
24.07.2025	O	I definitely object, I have lived here all my life and I'm not happy about this.
24.07.2025	O	I object
24.07.2025	O	I STRONGLY OBJECT!! As somebody who has lived near the building for a number of years, I can honestly say that the way the cars are parked for Friday prayer is shocking! Traffic wardens are never around, which puts to bed the rumours that they are on commission otherwise they would be down there counting the £££. Move elsewhere, sick of struggling to park, this is only going to make it worse.....
24.07.2025	O	Cannot believe this is the best thing for the centre of Weston-super-Mare. It's as though we are becoming a minority in our town. Money should be being spent on much needed other services not this.
23/07/2025	S	I support the application for the new mosque and education centre at 14 Waterloo Street. It will provide much-needed prayer and learning facilities for the local Muslim community in Weston and promote inclusion and community cohesion. The proposed changes will also improve the building which will benefit the area. I hope the council approves this application. I kindly request the council to consider the positive community impact and approve this application. Thank you.
23/07/2025	O	.

23/07/2025	O	Don't need it
23.07.2025	S	I support this application
23.07.2025	O	The council has deleted dozens and dozens of objections, at 11:30pm the count was 70 objections and 18 in favour, by 6am another 60. Had been added. How has this happened? Why hasn't the council deleted any of the dozens of fraudulent votes, both ideological in tone and often a very simple copy and paste message. I object to this on grounds of parking and not keeping with the local area. But what is most concerning to residents is why one group is being silenced by its own council while obvious bad faith actors stuff this process with fraudulent votes. Apply the same standard please! You deleted dozens and dozens of good faith votes and you're allowing people to fraudulently take advtsnge of us!! Sort it out!!
23.07.2025	S	I support this proposal and I think this is a great country to live in full freedom of right about your religion.Everyone has right to stay in this country with legal obligation while worshipping with their own faith.
23.07.2025	O	I do not think it's a good idea to build this due to our already struggling economy, this will be a deterrent for our visitors. We already have young people who are scared to go into our town as they don't feel safe this will be another reason for them not to go. We are promoting segregation by building this with separate entrances for men and women. We don't need our children thinking this is okay. We already have a place for them to go behind the high street at the back of Poundland and b&m. There is no need for another one less then 2 minutes up the road. You need to listen to our residents rather than silence them. Many residents have tried to fight tooth and nail to say no to everything that you have already said yes to. We should be focusing on youth facilities to deter knife crime and enable the youths of weston to have activities to do instead of hanging around on the streets enabling them to get into drug crimes and thefts.
23.07.2025	O	Not required in weston the town is already struggling empty shops boarded up buildings. This a tourist attraction and the council need to look at all the current situations before steaming forward on this project .put the the town first .
23.07.2025	O	I do not feel there is need for this to go ahead.
23.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal as there are serious concerns about the integrity of the public consultation process surrounding the proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare.
23.07.2025	O	I do not consider that this development should be allowed as it will increase parking and traffic problems in the area, reduce yet further the availability of shops within the town centre area, and has the potential to increase noise pollution to the detriment of those living in the neighbouring area.
23.07.2025	S	0
23.07.2025	S	I support the expansion. The Muslim community in Weston is very large and ever growing often leading to little space to offer worship when the centre is full. There have been no issues caused by the community since the Weston Islamic Education Centre has been open.
23.07.2025	O	I wholeheartedly object to this proposal Weston is family oriented sea side resort and has been since the Victorian times and beyond , this proposed building will be highly out of place against our Victorian buildings and has no place here in Weston and besides I find it inconceivable that many places like this harbours radicals and leads to radicalisation will be a prominent fixture and threat to the safety ofclocal people. Tourism will end and Weston depends on tourism .

23.07.2025	O	<p>I am absolutely against this proposal. The parking and infrastructure in Weston is already bad enough especially seems you have signed a deal with carpark that can't be used and will cost the taxpayer thousands over the coming years. I also feel this will bring no cultural benefits to the town as people already feel isolated. These premises could be used to help charities or to house the homeless instead of being used for a religious hub. I also feel the call to prayer which happen in mosques will disturb local community and will cause anger amongst the general public</p>
23.07.2025	S	<p>Weston Islamic Centre and Mosque is an existing, valuable and contributory asset to the town and as such I support the application to improve the premises with particular reference to making it more accessible to women. Until now there has been little concern regarding the premises and it is only the recent hateful, divisive and Islamophobic interest that is being fuelled by misinformation, deliberate or otherwise, that has initiated so much opposition from certain sectors of the community. Certain comments raised in opposition bear no relevance and themselves are ill-informed, particularly around the Muslim faith. For example, the comment regarding a smaller door that is separate to the men's entrance is non-sensical in assuming this to be a mark of oppression of women. In Islam women have no religious obligation to pray in communion but may go to the mosque if they wish. Men, on the other hand, have such an obligation, most especially on Fridays. Women if attending communal prayer prefer privacy and a level of separateness from men during prayer, this is their choice and thus a freedom as opposed to an oppression. Regards parking, many arrive by foot due to the general lack and cost of street parking so will have no bearing on parking in general. The service for prayer times is less than a hour and Muslims, like all non-Muslims have the same right to this facility as others. I am sure that local businesses benefit from additional footfall from the people attending prayers both before and after the prayer time. Many of the Muslim faithful in our community contribute hugely to the town in terms of running small businesses, raising funds for good causes and providing for the homeless, hungry and needy. This goes unsung in many cases. The premises also provides guidance and support for young people and provides a centre for those that would like to know more about the Muslim faith. It also provides a place of support and sanctuary for those facing hateful racism and alienation in the town. If this were a church making a similar application it would raise considerably less interest and if it had been a synagogue any objections would be labelled as Anti-Semitic. Objections on here are raised mostly through the lens of Islamophobia, fear and discrimination. I trust that the planning approval will be based on the merits of the alterations and not refused as a response to the hateful narrative that is being peddled in Weston Super Mare .</p>
23.07.2025	S	<p>We do need an mosque praying and for our children to learn our religion praying place for our communities.</p>
23.07.2025	S	<p>I fully support this application. As someone who visits WSM with my family for trips to the beach, we have used this centre but would never have found it without using google maps. The current entrance St the back of the building is not welcoming at all. Having a more identifiable building on Waterloo St will help visitors to WSM find the centre and also bring more custom to shops on Waterloo street.</p>
23.07.2025	O	<p>I object on grounds of: 1) Parking will be affected and not for the better. 2) Noise. 3) The design doesnt fit with the rest of the centre of town.</p>
23.07.2025	O	<p>I strongly object to this planning permission, there is already major parking issues in Weston town centre and the amount of parking required for people attending the mosque right in the town centre would not be feasible. Also I have serious concerns of the noise and disturbance that this would create for people shopping in town and living in the area - as a practising Christian myself I would feel that it would also have a detrimental affect on the community within Weston town</p>

23.07.2025	O	I strongly object against this proposal. Weston is a Victorian sea side town and this clearly will not fit in with the rest of the town. This building in its proposed form will be an eye sore and would go against the hard work to restore the town. Parking in the area is a massive problem and this will only be made worse. It's unfair to the residents of the buildings close by. This is a massive change and will heavily impact those nearest negatively. Having segregated entry points is unacceptable and goes against everything we as a town and country stand for. This should be called out by North Somerset council for what it is. It clearly benefits one community and negatively affects everyone else
23.07.2025	O	I do not believe that this area is suitable for a Class F1 development but that no.14 Waterloo St should be kept as a Class E business. This particular area of Weston, just off the High Street needs to remain in keeping with the other buildings nearby and should this change of use be granted to accommodate the proposed place of worship, I believe it would be detrimental to the surrounding retail area, which is already struggling to be revitalised. Also, there is no off-road parking available for a building which could potentially attract 100's of visitors, who would need to resort to on-street parking, causing chaos in both Waterloo Street and Palmer Street, at the same time limiting the existing parking for shoppers and residents alike. With respect to the conversion to 2 flats above, it seems from the photos of the outside, that they may be planning to be incorporated as part of the Mosque. Now this building is not going to be in keeping with the rest of Waterloo Street nor the Boulevard, surely this is not in context re the conservation aspects of our seaside town!! Once being used as a large occupancy venue the question of noise at certain times of the night and day will undoubtedly become a problem for the local residents, particularly those in close occupancy. How many occupants is it proposed will be frequenting the upper floors? Is it likely that this old building does not connect to an adequate infrastructure to accommodate the size of crowds that will be frequenting it, with respect to such like sewers, drainage and structural integrity. This use is not, in my opinion, suitable for this particular area in Weston-s-Mare
23.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal on the grounds of more pressing requirements, including several community support needs in the area.
23.07.2025	S	I believe this a good opportunity for the Muslim community as we all can worship and practice as the community is getting bigger with different ethnic people joining this town and it's important for the repairs to be done as we need more space.
23.07.2025	S	I support this
23.07.2025	S	I support a place of worship
23.07.2025	S	As a member of the community i see no reason why this cannot go ahead. It is a great thing for the muslim community and as everyone should be supportive and encouraging. The extension will allow the muslim community to practice their faith freely as we are in a country where everyone is allowed to practice their beliefs.
23.07.2025	S	I strongly support this application. The expansion of the mosque is vital to meet the growing needs of the Muslim community in this area. This project promotes inclusivity, provides a peaceful place of worship, and allows for positive community engagement through open days, charity events, and educational programmes. Mosques are centres of peace, guidance, and social cohesion. Supporting this expansion will strengthen our shared values of respect, diversity, and community development. Please approve this application.
23.07.2025	S	I strongly support the changes. As we are a growing community we need more space to accommodate all brothers and sisters who come to pray. Thanks
23.07.2025	S	Muslims have the legal right to establish and maintain mosques where the place Muslim can perform prayers and can connect with God peacefully focus is on spiritual development and worship.

23.07.2025	S	I strongly believe that everyone has the right to practice their religion freely. This is one of the most important values in a diverse and respectful society. Muslims, like all other communities, should be supported in practising their religion without any barriers or discrimination. I truly hope the Council will continue to uphold and support this fundamental right for all.
23.07.2025	O	I object
23.07.2025	O	I don't believe this is necessary. It's been fine all these years. Why does it need expanding now. Investment into this town should be for all not just for one religion.
23.07.2025	O	I object to this due to the fact it will be very upsetting to watch women going through a very tiny cramped separate entrance while the men go through a big one with plenty of space this will be very upsetting to see and does not send the right message this is great Britain where men and women are equal and should not be segregated and we the public should not have to bear witness to this either if you approve this you are basically going against everything Great Britain represents in terms of equality for women and equal rights

		<p>The Importance of Islamic Education Centres: Islamic education centres play a vital role in the development of individuals, families, and communities. They are not only places where religious knowledge is taught, but also institutions that nurture moral character, strengthen community bonds, and prepare individuals to face modern challenges with a strong Islamic foundation. In today's rapidly changing world, the role of these centres is more essential than ever. One of the primary functions of Islamic education centres is the preservation of faith and identity. These institutions provide structured learning environments where the fundamentals of Islam-including belief (Aqidah), worship (Ibadah), and manners (Akhlaq)-are taught. For Muslims living in non-Muslim-majority societies, such centres are crucial in helping them maintain their religious identity and stay connected to their Islamic roots. Children and adults alike benefit from learning the Qur'an, Hadith, and the life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), which helps them build a strong foundation in faith. Another important aspect of Islamic education centres is their focus on moral and ethical development. Islam emphasizes values such as honesty, respect, compassion, and justice. These values are instilled through religious teachings and character-building programs. When individuals learn and practice these principles, they contribute positively to society and become responsible citizens. Islamic education therefore goes beyond rituals; it shapes the soul and refines the character. In addition, these centres are vital for building and strengthening communities. They act as hubs where Muslims come together for prayer, learning, charity, and social events. This sense of community fosters unity, belonging, and mutual support. Islamic centres often provide services such as marriage counselling, funeral arrangements, and youth mentorship, all of which help meet the spiritual and social needs of the community. Importantly, many Islamic education centres also aim to provide a balanced education, combining religious teachings with academic support. In doing so, they reflect the Islamic value of seeking both religious and worldly knowledge. Students are encouraged to excel in their secular studies while staying rooted in their faith. This balance helps produce well-rounded individuals who can contribute positively to society in various fields. Moreover, Islamic education centres offer guidance on contemporary issues. In today's world, Muslims-especially youth-face many challenges, such as identity struggles, peer pressure, and the influence of social media. These centres provide relevant, faith-based advice to help navigate such issues while staying true to Islamic values. They offer safe spaces where questions can be asked, and doubts addressed in a respectful, knowledgeable manner. Youth programs in Islamic centres are particularly impactful. They promote youth engagement and development by encouraging young people to participate in learning, volunteering, and leadership activities. These programs build confidence, responsibility, and a sense of purpose among the youth, ensuring the future of the community remains strong and faithful. Finally, in multicultural societies, Islamic education centres play an important role in promoting interfaith understanding. Through open houses, lectures, and community outreach, they help bridge the gap between Muslims and non-Muslims. This not only clears misconceptions about Islam but also promotes peace, mutual respect, and harmony in society. In conclusion, Islamic education centres are essential institutions that serve a wide range of spiritual, moral, educational, and social functions. They help Muslims stay connected to their faith, support their communities, and navigate modern life with Islamic guidance. Their role in shaping individuals and societies in a positive, faith-driven way cannot be overstated.</p>
23.07.2025	S	
23.07.2025	S	I am in support of this expansion.
23.07.2025	O	Our town center does.not need this. We need shops and retail. Plus anywhere that operates a separate door entry for women's against the law in this country. No. Women are equal.
23.07.2025	O	I trust there is fairness and transparency in the process to expand the Islamic Education Centre. I feel it is the wrong place. Why not on the outskirts of town where is more parking. There is enough congestion where it is now.
23.07.2025	S	I support this application. The current Islamic Centre causes no issues

23.07.2025	S	I support this planning application for the Weston Islamic Education Centre and Mosque at 14 Waterloo Street. This project will provide a much-needed space for worship, education, and community support for local residents. The centre will promote inclusion, understanding, and social cohesion. As a place of worship, it reflects the diversity of Weston-super-Mare and supports the rights of all residents to practice their faith peacefully. The external and internal alterations appear considerate and do not negatively affect the character of the area. I believe this centre will bring long-term positive benefits to the town and local communities.
23.07.2025	S	i agree on Proposed change of use of 14 Waterloo Street from a charity shop (Use Class E) to a place of worship and education centre (Use Class F1) for the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque. External alterations include the installation of new doors and windows to the rear (Palmer Street elevation), as well as the addition of a raised roof light on the flat roof of 66 Palmer Street. The proposal also includes internal reconfiguration works to form 2 no. self-contained flats across the first and second floor levels of 14 Waterloo Street.
23.07.2025	S	0
23.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this planning application due to the severe lack of parking surrounding these facilities, it is already a struggle to find a parking space in that area and this will just make the parking situation worse.
23.07.2025	S	This will enrich the community and surroundings -- mosques and Muslims tend to be considerate of their neighbours and strive to keep noise to a minimum. They are also some of the most charitable people and set a beautiful example in terms of kindness, generosity and good character. I support this wholeheartedly for the benefit of the town and local community. I suggest that everyone who objects to this consider whether they have legitimate concerns or if they are just prejudiced without reason.
23.07.2025	O	Strongly object. Parking will become more difficult, the site will become more unsightly. Can see no justification for this
22.07.2025	O	I object to this as there is very little parking at the moment and this will add to congestion. The building will not be in keeping with the Victorian ethos.
22.07.2025	S	I am in the support of this application
22.07.2025	O	I object to the expansion as I feel it is promoting segregation against females due to separate entrances which is not appropriate or legal in modern society.
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	Indeed the increasing number of Muslims makes it inevitable to expand the Mosque due to number of participants. Currently, it is difficult to accommodate all the people. Considering the people who are joining the HPC, which is long term project, it will be much more difficult.
22.07.2025	S	Would like support the local community and The mosque I will be grateful to the community thank you
22.07.2025	S	This development will bring significant benefits to the local community by providing a dedicated space for spiritual growth, cultural learning, and community engagement.

22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to the expansion of the Mosque / Islamic Education centre onto Waterloo Street. I often find it very difficult to park and visit the retail outlets on Waterloo St. Whilst I appreciate there is parking by Grove Park, I have Spinal Stenosis, which affects my legs and ability to walk. I also have Asthma and Atrial Fibrillation both of which leave me breathless and lacking strength when I wish to visit my Chemist (Jays), my hairdresser (Bright Hair), Papas Fish & Chips or The Weston Hospice Shop. The area is primarily retail and residential, therefore I do not believe the change of use of number 14 is in keeping with the majority of the buildings used in Waterloo St. The inevitable increased traffic, noise and people will be detrimental to those of us who use the area frequently. As I believe Friday is an important Prayer day for the Islamic community, it would get very congested there also, including those of us who go to Papas weekly on a Friday, for our Fish & Chips, as it can get very crowded there already now. As it is it can be very disconcerting for females, especially the young or older and disabled women, as already there are often men seemingly loitering in Waterloo Street, on the bench etc, and it would appear that, by the granting this application , there would be even more men in this street. These are my reasons for requesting that you reject the expansion on to Waterloo Street.
22.07.2025	O	Our Town is losing its identity. The Victorian buildings are not the place to put a mosque. The streets are not substantial for parking. The residents should be put first and not put out by comings and goings of late night prayers. Just place yourself, living next door to the mosque, I bet you would not. Weston needs, a hospital that functions. A police force that have the man power to attend incidents. Dentists, a doctors surgery that you can actually get an appointment at. I want my mum not to worry about putting the heating on this winter. These things I want my taxes to go towards. I dont want one penny of my taxes going to anything else
22.07.2025	O	3rd time I've attempted to comment to object. My comment keeps being removed. That in itself is spurious. There appears to be no parking provision made for an already over subscribed area in terms of space for parking. Large gatherings of people with nowhere to park now going to be even larger? Totally unsuitable place. Also the separate entrances for men and women go against equality laws in this country.
22.07.2025	O	Object
22.07.2025	O	Whilst I'm not against any religion having a place of worship, I really do not think the location is at all acceptable. It is already very difficult to park in the area and this is made impossible whilst they're meeting to pray, and when participants are arriving/leaving the centre it is very difficult to navigate pavements and often people with Pushchairs/Wheelchairs have had to use the road, as they're unable to get through. A much more suitable location needs to be used, that can cope with a growing congregation that at least has a large car park that can be used rather than clogging local residential streets. Also the proposed plans, the alterations look unsightly next to the neighbouring Victorian residential properties.
22.07.2025	O	As a regular visitor to Weston Super Mare, I object to this proposal, I don't not want to hear a call to prayer during my visits, the only sounds we should be hearing are the usual seaside noises, people enjoying themselves, the amusements etc. Parking is also an issue.
22.07.2025	O	Weston town centre will suffer. Christian church hall opposite, will we be allowed to continue our faith?? Town will suffer. Shops and businesses will close due to no places to park. You will affect so many residents of our town. The islamic building on north Street has looked after our Muslim residents who have resided in this town for many years, these people are mainly successful business men in our town. To expand to cater for the masses is unacceptable. Bristol should be the nearest city for them to Prayer. Or have no doubt our town will not be managed. We have no police out in our town yet. You will be causing a major situation should this go forward. This should not be allowed in Weston town centre. I would be interested to know who is making the decision on this and where exactly they live? Will it affect those in charge of this or will it just be Weston residents and businesses who suffer?

22.07.2025	S	A larger mosque will be of benefit to the Muslims in the town, and will be a clear sign they are welcome here, it will utilise a wasted space, and bring extra vibrancy to the area, virtually no change to the exterior appearance will occur, and parking is already available on the street
22.07.2025	S	I've no issue with this application. It should be supported.
22.07.2025	S	I strongly support this application. It's a tired looking area of town which will benefit from some care and attention. The Muslim community of Weston make fantastic contributions to the town and the entire community. Expanding the Muslim centre will allow them to continue this excellent work whilst providing a better, safer place for them. I hope these plans are welcomed and supported by the council.
22.07.2025	S	It's inspiring to see the plans to expand the Islamic centre and improve the existing spaces. This will bring even more opportunities for people of all ages to connect, learn, and grow together. Projects like this strengthen our community spirit and help make our neighbourhood an even more inclusive and supportive place for everyone.
22.07.2025	O	Not required, not wanted, not suitable
22.07.2025	O	no thank you
22.07.2025	O	Not needed
22.07.2025	O	The high street is already struggling. When the people gather together for their meetings traffic and parking in the area is horrendous, this could already be having an impact on the high street. It may be best to build or renovate in an area where parking will make less of an impact on the town centre. I don't know how or why it was given permission in the first place as it is very impractical. Don't allow this to go ahead just to tick boxes for the minority, think about Weston as a whole. I have nothing against those who have a faith but only consider the effect on those who need to use the facilities and businesses in Weston town centre.
22.07.2025	O	This building is against our own equal rights law and not needed in our community.
22.07.2025	O	Not a great idea for the cost consideration and how we see local communities taken over by Islam ideology over the country. Not forgetting multiculturalism does not work. This is not needed in Weston-super-mare. We have enough issues with homeless people and drug abuse. Invest the money in sorting that first
22.07.2025	S	This sounds like a sensible upgrade to the existing building. The appearance of the Boulevard frontage will be improved and the Palmer St side changes seem to be entirely sensible.
22.07.2025	S	I am in support of this application. As far as I can tell looking at the plans it can only improve the building. The mosque already owns and uses the building and is looking to improve it. The Boulevard frontage will look much better, improving the look and feel of the street, which at the moment looks sad and neglected. The entrance in Palmer Street looks like an abandoned factory at the moment. Making it an attractive entrance has got to be an improvement. The Muslim community contributes a lot to the local community and it would be good to see their place of worship looking like a valued part of the town.
22.07.2025	S	I am in support of this. The continued focus on religion and fear of 'foreigners' is embarrassing. Multicultural society is welcome in this town. A beautiful peaceful place to worship should never be rejected.
22.07.2025	O	Not submitting with Luke area and put money towards the local area, not building

22.07.2025	O	The creation of a women's entrance suggests segregation of genders within a British society. Whilst religions can pick and choose what different genders can do within their practice, they cannot impose those restrictions within a public setting as prescribed in the gender equality act. The frontage of the building cannot be used to violate this act in any way.
22.07.2025	O	We have equal womens rights in this country. Even allowing a building with separate female entrance is against our own laws.
22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this proposal. In a country founded on Christian principle, law and moral code it would be wrong to support the continued suppression of women within this culture. Segregation has been outlawed in many first world countries and I do not support its continuation especially within my own town and community. I call upon the planning department to reject this application
22.07.2025	O	I have just read the Public Notice Regarding Planning Application 25/P/0530/FUL and would like to know when and where full council members made this decision ? Where is this minuted ? I understand the GDPR implications with regards personal data (not applicable in this case as no personal data is displayed). but also understand the Human Rights Act 1998 in particular Article 10. Someone appears to have made the decision in this instance to remove all public comments regarding this application whilst comments for other planning applications remain available for public viewing. Does the council not realise the dangerous precedent this move entails, individual political influence over public interest and North Somerset Residents opinions.
22.07.2025	O	Whilst I support that all religions should have the right to practice, this is the wrong location for this application. The current Place of Worship in North Street causes all sorts of problems with cars being parked illegally and with no thoughts for residents of North Street, Palmer Street, Palmer Row and Hopkins Street. An alternative location, away from the town centre and the already limited parking facilities.
22.07.2025	O	Not suitable for building or area
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	O	No.
22.07.2025	S	Any attempt to improve the building is a good sign, people on here commenting by saying they object, need to realise, places of worship, by any religious group, can help massively improve communities, the community events and support provided by religious organisations are an important and essential part of community development and community engagement. In my local town of Hereford, the Muslim community from our local Mosque do regular meals for the homeless, collections for community projects, and only recently purchased and donated an MRI scanner for the local hospital.
22.07.2025	O	This is not in keeping with the area. This is a British seaside town. It will be a blight on the town.
22.07.2025	S	I fully support the proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare. This centre has quietly and positively served the local community for years - offering education, youth support, and a safe, inclusive space for families who live, work, and contribute to this town. It's disappointing - though sadly not surprising - to see some of the comments on this portal rooted in misinformation, prejudice, and outright Islamophobia. Planning decisions should be based on facts, not fear. This application is about improving a space for people who are already part of our community. Supporting diversity and access to education isn't threatening - it's the foundation of a healthy, modern society. I hope the council will see past the noise and recognise the value of this centre for what it truly is.

22.07.2025	O	The council spent yesterday removing objections. Then overnight a huge surge of comments in support of this proposal occurred. The British people are being silenced. We do not want this. We were never asked if we wanted mass, uncontrolled illegal immigration. Both sees should be treated equally in the UK and not made to use separate entrances or places within a place of worship. It's time the council looked after the people who have lived here for generations and contributed for decades. Westonians have had enough!
22.07.2025	S	We want the development to happen to support the community with the large diverse of culture in Muslim.
22.07.2025	S	Weston is becoming rightly so more diverse and I welcome this. A place for worship is nothing to be feared and will be a welcome addition to our town
22.07.2025	S	It's funny how those opposing it are using Facebook groups to rally others to comment on here yet when those supporting the project are encouraging others to show supporting the opposing side are coming up with all kinds of conspiracies such as fraudulent votes etc. Furthermore those saying the local council should use the money elsewhere, the local council are not supporting this financially. This is entirely funded by the muslim community.
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	O	This is not appropriate for the area and is not wanted by the general public of Weston-super-Mare.
22.07.2025	O	Parking is already a problem in this area. My daughter is frightened to walk back from work already with the large numbers of men that congregate outside the existing islamic centre .
22.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal as it has been hidden from the general public. It needs a full review that is published to the Weston Super Mare and surrounding areas due to objections already raised that were not addressed.
22.07.2025	S	As a muslim its an important part of our faith to have a place of worship and as for the extension to the existing building ,it's long overdue due to the number of worshipers that congregate to pray the daily prayers. It is also a learning centre for the younger children who want to learn and understand deeper about their religion. And as for the wider non Muslim community it's a place where they can go and explore and ask questions about the religion . The mosque itself is a beautiful and calm place for to worship in and its place where many different nationalities of Muslims come together to pray .
22.07.2025	O	This area and the surrounding streets already suffer from severe parking issues. Most of which have been generated by previous questionable planning consent for converting beautiful Victorian houses into flats and HMOs. I object to anything thats going to place further problems. I am a local resident who has to now pay an annual fee to park outside his own home and find it bizaar that you can apply another tax to me under the disguise of reducing parking issues, then subsequently agree to this.
22.07.2025	O	The extra noise and activity especially early mornings and evenings may disturb local residents.the call to prayer etc. The place for it should be by the old airfield that has space for parking and access roads.
22.07.2025	O	I have already made my reasons for objection and agree with the majority of the reasons for objection listed here now. Somehow most of yesterday's comments have been removed and are no longer visible. Why? Not helpful....
22.07.2025	S	This proposal will be a great addition to the area. Muslims have contributed to the community really well in the past, and it would be enhanced this by providing the resources they need for worship and community work!
22.07.2025	O	We dont want a mosque on out doorstep, there shouldnt be a mosque in that building it should be used as a business not a mosque! When will North Somerset Council actually listen to the people who live here?!

22.07.2025	S	I support this planning application. Weston is a vibrant community of many faiths and none. It is important that those wishing to practice any faith have the relevant space to do so. This application also details huge visual improvements to a street in the town that is full of vacant shops looking derelict. We should welcome with open arms any plans to improve visual aspects of the area.
22.07.2025	S	I support this application. It will improve the street scene at both the front of the property on Waterloo Street as well as the rear on Palmer Street. The shop unit has been unoccupied for a long time and has not been used as a 'going concern' since Leavers closed down. It is in a row of unoccupied retail units, therefore I believe it is unlikely to be used as a shop. We have a number of other religious places of worship within the area, opposite there are two. The Gospel Hall and The United Reform Church. St John's Parish Church and Bristol Road Baptist Church are short walks away. Parking in Weston-super-Mare Town centre is controlled by pay and display with limited stay times and I do not believe this application if granted will cause any additional parking problems. It would be no different if the application was to convert it to a gym for example. It is important that all communities and religious groups are treated equally and fairly, and I believe it would be discriminatory to prevent the expansion of the only Mosque in our town. I fully support this application and urge your officers to pass it.
22.07.2025	S	Many churches but only 1 mosque in WSM. This proposal has my full support.
22.07.2025	S	I'm a lifelong resident of Weston-super-Mare, and I want to express my full support for the mosque expansion application (planning reference 25/P/0530/FUL). I'll be honest - I didn't always understand the need for a mosque in Weston, and I used to feel uneasy about it. But over time, I've come to realise that these kinds of community spaces are not just about religion - they're about people. The Islamic Centre has been quietly supporting residents for years, offering a place of peace, support, and community, especially for those who may feel isolated. Weston's town centre is struggling, with empty shops and a lack of things to bring people together. Instead of letting it decline further, this proposal would bring life back into the area. The expanded centre would offer classes, mentoring, and a safe, welcoming space - things that benefit everyone, not just Muslims. I know some people are concerned about traffic or noise, but the reality is that Weston has had parking issues for years, long before the mosque. Prayers are quiet, respectful, and held indoors - this isn't a loud or disruptive place. And as for the people who attend, many are professionals, families, students - people who contribute to the town just like anyone else. Putting the mosque on an industrial estate would make it harder for the elderly, disabled, and vulnerable to access. A central, visible, inclusive space like this will only help Weston grow in the right direction.
22.07.2025	S	I support the proposed plans as I believe they will not only improve the current appearance of the property on Waterloo St and Palmer St, but will have a positive impact on the inclusion and diversity of the town.
22.07.2025	O	We should be thinking of our own places of worship if need be to help all the homeless in the town or open a soup kitchen far better place for British people to go
22.07.2025	O	No Thankyou
22.07.2025	O	NO THANK YOU
22.07.2025	O	Keep Weston as it should be. Would they let us build in there country like this ? No
22.07.2025	O	Object
22.07.2025	S	Hi, We need a opportunity to build a beautiful house for all of us. Also we need supports everyone.

22.07.2025	O	I object to this application on these grounds. Taking possible retail enterprises out of Weston Town Centre, parking in the Town Centre area is always at a premium and this application will only worsen the situation for residents and visitors. Overall this will be much to large for the area and detrimental to residents.
22.07.2025	O	Utterly shameful that the council have the temerity to interfere with a democratic process and delete valid objections. before you start accusing everyone who doesn't agree with the development of being racist, perhaps you should familiarise yourself with the actuality that Islam is a religion NOT a race, one does not have to be of a certain genetic back ground in order to follow the Islamic faith. I suggest members of the council and in this case seemingly the planning department, educate yourselves before resorting to infantile erroneous accusations, and accept that maybe just maybe, this development is not wanted for reasons of genuine concern. The centre of Weston is completely decimated and whilst I fully support individuals rights to worship, my objection is based on priority of what will enhance this town. you historically have refused genuine opportunity of regeneration in order to preserve the essence of a Victorian sea side town, so I don't see how any more expansions or developments of ANY religious settings will benefit the majority of residents in Weston Super Mare, and a benefit of any new development for the MAJORITY is surely what this town desperately needs.
22.07.2025	O	I object. Where I live the parking is almost non existent. If more people are to be drawn to the town it should be through additional retail outlets which bring a benefit. The centre of a retail area is not and has never been the correct place for any place of worship
22.07.2025	S	Superb proposal with my full support
22.07.2025	O	I wish to formally object to the above planning application on the following grounds: Impact on Local Amenity and Character of the Area: The proposed change of use to a place of worship and education centre in a prominent town centre location may significantly alter the character of Waterloo Street and its surroundings. The area is predominantly retail and residential in nature, and introducing a use that generates large congregations at varying hours could lead to disruption, particularly during prayer times or religious events. Traffic and Parking Concerns: There is insufficient information on how parking demand will be managed. Town centre parking is already constrained, and the proposed use is likely to generate a significant increase in vehicle trips, especially during peak periods. Without dedicated on-site parking provision, this could lead to increased congestion and unauthorised parking in surrounding residential areas. Noise and Disturbance: The application does not adequately address the potential for noise and disturbance arising from regular gatherings, educational activities, or amplified sound, particularly during early morning or late evening use. This may negatively affect neighbouring residential and commercial occupiers. Overdevelopment and Residential Amenity: The proposal to create two self-contained flats through internal reconfiguration raises concerns about overdevelopment. The scale and layout may not meet minimum space standards, and no clear details are provided regarding private amenity space, waste storage, or impact on neighbouring outlook and privacy. Lack of Community Consultation: It appears that no meaningful public engagement or community consultation has taken place prior to submission. Given the sensitive nature of the change of use and its potential implications for the local community, further consultation should be undertaken. In conclusion, the proposed development, while aiming to meet specific community needs, presents multiple concerns related to amenity, traffic, character, and overdevelopment. I respectfully request that the application be refused or significantly revised to address these issues.
22.07.2025	S	There are plenty of churches in Weston-super-Mare and only One mosque. If the community wishes to improve on their facilities then I am in favour of those changes.
22.07.2025	O	I don't want any Mosques in this town. I object to this application.

22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	O	Please stop this application. Typically mosques practice calling to prayer which is not compliant with local tradition.
22.07.2025	O	I do not feel that further places of worship or education will add anything to an already overpopulated town. I feel that taxpayers money should be spent to improve services for women suffering domestic violence, the elderly or enhancements to encourage tourism to the town.
22.07.2025	O	I object.
22.07.2025	O	Absolutely not. It should not be done it isn't fitting with the area!
22.07.2025	O	<p>I wish to formally object to the above planning application on the following grounds: Impact on Local Amenity and Character of the Area: The proposed change of use to a place of worship and education centre in a prominent town centre location may significantly alter the character of Waterloo Street and its surroundings. The area is predominantly retail and residential in nature, and introducing a use that generates large congregations at varying hours could lead to disruption, particularly during prayer times or religious events. Traffic and Parking Concerns: There is insufficient information on how parking demand will be managed. Town centre parking is already constrained, and the proposed use is likely to generate a significant increase in vehicle trips, especially during peak periods. Without dedicated on-site parking provision, this could lead to increased congestion and unauthorised parking in surrounding residential areas. Noise and Disturbance: The application does not adequately address the potential for noise and disturbance arising from regular gatherings, educational activities, or amplified sound, particularly during early morning or late evening use. This may negatively affect neighbouring residential and commercial occupiers. Overdevelopment and Residential Amenity: The proposal to create two self-contained flats through internal reconfiguration raises concerns about overdevelopment. The scale and layout may not meet minimum space standards, and no clear details are provided regarding private amenity space, waste storage, or impact on neighbouring outlook and privacy. Lack of Community Consultation: It appears that no meaningful public engagement or community consultation has taken place prior to submission. Given the sensitive nature of the change of use and its potential implications for the local community, further consultation should be undertaken. In conclusion, the proposed development, while aiming to meet specific community needs, presents multiple concerns related to amenity, traffic, character, and overdevelopment. I respectfully request that the application be refused or significantly revised to address these issues.</p>
22.07.2025	S	I totally support this application . The Mosque has been there for many many years with no problems regarding the number of users or traffic, whatsoever. Many users actually walk due it being so central. It will improve the facade of the street and it's not likely to increase in number of users, just give them the space to do the amazing work they already do. The local Muslim community do so much for our town, the businesses, Care workers, Drs, nurses, Dentist, shop workers teachers, pharmacists and council workers. Without them Weston would struggle. Therefore I am fully supportive of them having an improved venue to continue their faith and learning
22.07.2025	S	This is a well needed and excellent need in the community. This will undoubtedly increase revenue in the area. My full support
22.07.2025	O	Do not need.
22.07.2025	O	No

22.07.2025	O	I object to this application. There will be excess noise to residents, particularly from the call to prayer. There will also be further parking issues around the area of the boulevard, where it is already difficult to park at the best of times.
22.07.2025	O	As this is a formal statement I don't expect it to be removed that particular building as with so many others in Weston could be used for the growing number of destitute people living on the streets and homeless people more deserving my personal feeling is the objections to a Christian or Catholic Church in a foreign country would there be an outcry I certainly believe so.
22.07.2025	O	Not enough parking, not inkeeping with the local area. Please put funds towards other projects like cleaning litter or other renovations in the public interest
22.07.2025	O	It's impossible to get around as it is if this will happen this might cause isolation of this part of the street and local tension going forward.
22.07.2025	S	I don't see an issue as we have many more churches than mosques in weston super mare. The mosque extension would be good in my opinion.
22.07.2025	O	I am a resident of Weston Super Mare. I agree with the comments made by The Civic Society and would also express concerns relating to the limited amount of available on street parking on Waterloo Street and surrounding roads which at this moment in time is already insufficient. "The Civic Society welcomes the Application for the continuing and expansive use of the religious premises for the benefit of the community. We do, however, consider that there are opportunities to enhance the street scene in Waterloo Street that the Application is ignoring and, therefore, register our objection to this Application in its current form. In essence the application site has two public elevations one at the rear facing Palmer Street and the other, a Victorian three storey terraced building fronting Waterloo Street within the Great Weston Conservation Area. The rear elevation sits within an area of Victorian terraced housing whilst the building to Waterloo Street forms an inherent part of the Victorian existing street pattern and detail, and with vacant premises and many changes of ownership in recent years has suffered neglect. The absence of any proposed conservation and potential upgrading of these Victorian buildings is absent from the Application. The only references being made is 'maintaining and preserving'. We would suggest that works are required to maintain and preserve the Victorian façade and there is an excellent opportunity to enhance the street scene whilst respecting and educating the community of the religious aspects provided within the Mosque. It should be borne in mind that there are opportunities for the public image of the proposed Mosque to be reflected in both the rear and the front elevations, including the West elevation in Waterloo Street that appears to be omitted from the Application. With equality, diversion and inclusive being a progressive opportunity; the question arises as to whether the design complies with UK Legislation and Building Regulations. On this basis we have to maintain our objection to the application as currently proposed". A building can only be original once, once altered either internally or externally it will never be the same again. Once removed, the splendid Victorian style of this centrally located building will be lost forever. Please, we must fight to keep the authenticity of our Victorian town intact.
22.07.2025	O	Does the extension of a mosque enhance the heritage of WsM - no. Will the very early morning disturbance of prayer calling disturb nearby residents- yes. Therefore, I object to this plan.
22.07.2025	O	Parking currently a problem in Town and this will add to the problem. The increase in footfall will obviously create disruption and disturbance. The character of the area will change beyond recognition. Not a suitable place for these plans.
22.07.2025	O	My concerns with this application is firstly the restricted access from the surrounding roads, with limited drop off areas along with extremely limited parking areas, thoughts must be given to local residents inconvenience during use. Secondly ,as to the safety of the building the fire escapes is very worrying particularly on the first floor prayer area this alone the application should be refused, the expected numbers would soon make exiting very dangerous. In my opinion this building is not suitable for its full intentions.

22.07.2025	S	I have no objection to the extension, but you must address the parking issue as part of it. Also, if there's a call to prayer blasting out there will be trouble. We can all respect religion if its followers respect us back.
22.07.2025	S	I support this proposal,
22.07.2025	S	Place of worship and education is very good for people. Those who practice islam can pray and learn their religion as well as those who do not practice islam can come and learn about islam. This way we all can coexist together. I am in full support of this project. Hopefully council will approve the project and let people to have their place of worship and educational space.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application
22.07.2025	O	.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning proposal. There is no substantial clarity on the net-benefit to the community.
22.07.2025	O	The town needs commercial development. Changing use to non commercial, non rate paying purpose is not acceptable. Parking is a concern, and what we have is needed to support revenue and employment generating use. Why are so many in support cut and paste, rather than original opinions? Why are so many apposed no longer visible? This must be a fair process if the town expects residents to support it.
22.07.2025	S	Any improvement to our town centre should be supported. We have a fantastic Islamic community in WsM, doing fantastic community work throughout the town. Any help to improve that community is an absolute plus. I wholeheartedly support this application.
22.07.2025	O	I object on the grounds that Weston has always been a Victorian town. Given NSC have always stipulated about maintaining the look of its shop fronts. Having a building that doesn't look the same as the rest will look an eye sore and not in keeping with its neighbours. If this is to be a visitors centre then it will exacerbate traffic which is already a very busy. This coincides with hotels being filled with migrants, we are a seaside town relying on tourism. Both will kill an already lack lustre town
22.07.2025	O	We do not need a centre of town mosque for muslims. There are not enough muslims and we do not require more in weston which is a christian town and has been for ever. There are huge parking restrictions in this area there will be general disturbance when calls to pray and general confusion if permitted to go ahead. There are other centres particularly in Bristol that would benefit from a new mosque best to look at them. Pray does not need a building so suggest abandon the idea and reject the planning application.
22.07.2025	O	Not a suitable position
22.07.2025	S	The best thing that could happen to West End more multicultural for everybody, everybody benefits
22.07.2025	S	With the growth of the community it is very important that we plan ahead to accommodate the future multi cultural population.
22.07.2025	O	After reading other objections, I also object strongly. I moved to this town from a city, because of it's charming appeal, and friendly, safe atmosphere. I already feel uneasy with the new numbers of young men of East Asian or Middle Eastern appearance congregating on the streets around our town, either staring menacingly or trying to intimidate me while riding bikes on the footpaths, dangerously close to me. This would be a dreadful decision for the safety of our town, should this application be passed.
22.07.2025	O	The parking around town is already inadequate and this will only increase the problem. I believe this is part of a conservation area so is totally unsuitable for a mosque. Also liable to cause division within the Town which is already showing signs of tension re migrants.

22.07.2025	O	Because this a predominantly white Christian town and Islam is 100% against our values. This will do nothing but divide the community cause tensions and In other areas of the country. The people of Weston-super-Mare were not asked if they wanted this or to become a sanctuary town. We as a people have enough problems of out own
22.07.2025	O	Strongly object: Whilst I personally have no problem with those wishing to worship an invisible man so long as it enhances one's self journey of enlightenment, I do however, object to a structure of intent that will do absolutely nothing to enhance the already decimated town centre. For years the local council have denied and objected to various proposals of developments such as casinos and swimming pools and entertainment venues that would have regenerated and improved the area also bringing much needed jobs, all denied, largely due to the councils opinion that this would eradicate the true essence of a Victorian sea side town. So please tell me how a mosque will sensitively blend in with the cultural nostalgia of our great British coastal heritage? I suggest the planning officers think very carefully before granting permission as we all know what happens next if the decision is approved. There will be another application for another mosque in Weston super Mare, very shortly afterwards.
22.07.2025	O	The application is within the town centre conversation area and goes directly against it and the change of use would be inappropriate for this building. The application does not fit in with the local plan and the council needs to ensure that they encourage, & support, local businesses in regenerating this area, which sadly has been neglected. There is insufficient parking in this area and what there is, is predominately time constrained. There appears to be little or no benefit to the town for a building of this type to be in this location and the council should be encouraging business to return to this area and this plan has, in my opinion, absolutely nothing to recommend it and I strongly object to this plan.
22.07.2025	S	I am supportive of this planning application as can see that it will bring more activity and ultimately footfall to the town centre. I am shocked at the level of islamaphobic comments being left here and do not believe this represents the majority of our residents. We are many cultures living together in one place and that should be celebrated.
22.07.2025	O	I am deeply concerned about the direction our town is heading in. Local people are being ignored while major changes are made to our community without proper consultation or respect for public opinion. We are told these changes are for the greater good, yet it always seems to come at the cost of the people who have lived and contributed here for generations. There is no balance, no accountability, and no effort to protect what makes our town unique. I do not believe our leaders understand or care about how this affects ordinary families. We want our identity, culture, and future to be preserved. That is not too much to ask. Enough is enough. Listen to the people you are supposed to represent.
22.07.2025	O	Weston Super Mare doesn't need an Islamic Centre, or to be changed into a sanctuary town. You only have to see the problems occurring in other towns and cities in the UK and across Europe to know that. Women and children deserve to live in a safe town and walk around without fear. I very much doubt our objections will be taken notice of. In fact I suspect our genuine concerns will be completely ignored as with other towns and cities.
22.07.2025	O	Do not want this to go ahead.
22.07.2025	O	Would be the final nail in the coffin for the already declining town centre, absolutely no requirement for this to open in this location
22.07.2025	O	I no longer trust our leadership to integrate people in a way that protects our town and its character. We have seen time and time again across the country how British towns and cities are completely changed in just a few years. Locals are rarely listened to, never properly consulted, and often silenced when they try to speak up. I believe the British identity should be protected and prioritised. Instead, it feels like we are being pushed aside in our own communities. Weston-super-Mare is heading in the same direction. The decisions being made now will permanently change this town. Yet the people who live here are not given a voice, not understood, and not represented by those in power. This is not fair, and it is not right.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application

22.07.2025	S	I have no issues with this as a nearby local who also works very nearby. This area has several other cultural and religious hubs / meeting spaces and this would fit in well. The proposed building changes sound like they will enhance the area and investment in the locality is welcome. I mainly felt I needed to comment as a voice to oppose the anti Muslim vitriol that has been left on the comments masquerading as planning concerns. Valid concerns being raised due to building appearance or parking concerns are reasonable, but ranting away simply because it's linked to Muslims is vile. (From a local non Muslim)
22.07.2025	O	Insufficient parking car would end up double parked on busy main road. This is already happening and I witness what could have been a near fatal crash. Only the other day due to a car double parked. The change to the fascia of the building is not in keeping with the area. The area is full of old Victorian houses and this change would look horrid. There are plenty of faith groups within the area that has plenty of parking that would more than be happy to share with this group.
22.07.2025	S	Would be great to see those shops renovated & put to good use. I have often wondered why Weston doesn't have a Mosque as there is a sizeable Muslim population living & working in Weston. Look forward to seeing it open. Kerp up the good work. Michael.
22.07.2025	O	Dear Sir, I object to this planning request & would like it to be rejected. It will do nothing to regenerate Weston Town Centre as a thriving sea-side resort & improve community cohesion. I have modified my points to ensure they are published on the NS council site. In particular: 1) This large building, which will temporary contain a large number of people at different times in the day, has insufficient nearby parking for attendees; 2) Attendees being let out of cars nearby the building, several times per day, will negatively impact Weston town traffic flow; 3) By having separate entrance doors for men & women will concern groups of our Weston community & increase risk of disputes; 4) This large building will not fit with the Weston Town conservation area. It is completely out of character. It looks nothing like the many nearby stone buildings; 5) Weston community relations could be negatively impacted by the building in the Town Centre. It is likely to require more local policing, which is already very stretched, council involvement and will create more division, in an already divided town with many other drug related issues; 6) Increased noise levels at different times in the day, in a semi-residential area; 7) Lack of community engagement. Despite being on the various North Somerset online consultations, the plan was not communicated & discussed with the local community until this planning request. I request the proposed plan is rejected.
22.07.2025	O	I feel it's detrimental to the wellbeing. Of wsm and it should be kept as a charity shop.. Jason
22.07.2025	O	Seeing women and men being segregated in a public place by having seprate entrances would be very distressing for everybody to see especially when the womens entrance is so cramped and small compared to the mens so i must object
22.07.2025	O	I object to this as the proposal does not adhere to the equalities act, segregating male and female attendees. Should any other public building propose segregation such as this, o very much doubt that the Council would approve it.
22.07.2025	O	I object based upon British values, we are gender equal in this country
22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this.
22.07.2025	O	I feel the building they have is big enough, we have people that need homes, there isn't enough parking as it is, how can they afford it? Why not put money in to opening up shops and create jobs

22.07.2025	O	The difference between the very small womens entrance compared to the mens big entrance is astounding and shameful we must not encourage this level of abuse and watch and allow the discrimination towards of women in our community women are treated equally here in great britain and no religious should overrule this fact! And these plans show no respect for women or our culture or the womans entrance would be just as big as the mens infact there would be no seprate entrances if respect of british culture or what we may think came into thought! building this will be a symbol of opression towards women and will infact encourage it! I urge you to do the right thing and reject these plans immiditly
22.07.2025	S	I support the planning
22.07.2025	S	I support this project. It's very much needed for the community.
22.07.2025	S	We love our community. This is for everyone. Not just Muslims.!
22.07.2025	S	I support this as it allows the Muslim Community to gather and to celebrate their faith freely. Everyone in the community is welcomed to come to the weston islamic education centre to learn , to celebrate , to embrace another religion. As a community it should be supported and no one should have anything to say against it as its not causing any harm. Anyone who is intrigued is welcome to come and speak to someone who is working there.
22.07.2025	S	As a long-standing place of worship and community gathering, the mosque plays a vital role in serving the spiritual, educational, and social needs of local residents. Over the years, the congregation has grown steadily, reflecting the broader demographic growth of the area. This expansion is a necessary and timely development to accommodate that growth in a safe, inclusive, and respectful manner. The proposed improvements will help address issues such as overcrowding during Friday prayers, religious festivals, and community events. The plans will also enhance accessibility, including improved facilities for women, children, and elderly members of the congregation. Additionally, the mosque often serves as a hub for interfaith dialogue, charity initiatives, and youth activities, all of which will benefit from the upgraded space.
22.07.2025	S	I strongly support the proposed change of use at 14 Waterloo Street for the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque. This facility will provide a much-needed place for worship, community gathering, and educational activities for local residents. It promotes inclusivity and enhances the cultural and social fabric of Weston-super-Mare. The proposal also demonstrates sensitivity to the existing building, with appropriate external alterations and the addition of self-contained flats, which will help address housing needs. I believe this development will have a positive impact on both the Muslim community and the broader local population. I urge the council to approve this application in the interest of community cohesion, diversity, and responsible urban development.
22.07.2025	S	I strongly support this to mosque expansions because it's need Muslim community.
22.07.2025	S	I am a Muslim, we struggle to accommodate everyone during pray time and other social activities because of growing community members. We need this planning permission to accommodate out needs. Thanks

22.07.2025	S	I fully support the proposed transformation of 14 Waterloo Street into a place of worship and education for the Weston Islamic Education Centre. This is a beautiful opportunity to bring something deeply positive to our town, a centre rooted in peace, compassion, charity, and learning. A mosque is more than a place of prayer, it is a sanctuary of service, community, and care. Some of the concerns raised in public comments reflect misunderstandings. Islam honours both men and women with dignity, and traditions such as separate entrances are based on comfort, respect, and cultural values - not division. In fact, Islam teaches that men and women are equal in their spiritual worth, and the strength of a community lies in the honour it gives to all its members. This centre will be a place where people of all backgrounds are welcomed with warmth. It reflects the very best of Islamic values, generosity, humility, and love for one another. Weston deserves to be a town that embraces such beauty. Please approve this application. Let this be a step toward greater understanding, unity, and shared humanity
22.07.2025	S	I think we need education centres like this to open people eye regarding the Islam and Muslim community. If anyone in any doubt about Islam or Muslim people they can go there and learn about it or get there question answered by the head of mosque so they don't have to believe how the media and minorities make how bad Islam or Muslim people is. This mosque has been there very long time and never ever caused any problem and I think in the future it will be a great educational place for the new generations.
22.07.2025	S	Please allow this expansion for the betterment of Muslim community, it wont have any bad impact on others. Thanks.
22.07.2025	S	A place of worship is for the general welfare of the community. I'm sure the people managing this place will take care of the concerns regarding parking and other similar issues.
22.07.2025	S	I fully support the proposal to build a mosque in our area. The United Kingdom is a diverse and multicultural society, home to people of many different faiths and backgrounds. Freedom of religion is a core value of our country, and the right to worship in a safe and welcoming space should be available to all communities, including Muslims. Muslims are a vital part of our society - they are our neighbours, colleagues, business owners, doctors, teachers, and more. Just like churches, temples, and synagogues, a mosque would not only serve as a place of worship, but also as a community hub that promotes peace, unity, education, and charitable work. Building a mosque reflects the values of inclusion, respect, and equality. It sends a positive message that everyone belongs and has a right to contribute to the life of the community.
22.07.2025	O	I object to the following: Calling to prayer over a loud speaker throughout the day and night. Parking congestion. Safety concerns. Changes in culture in the already established community. Impact on the local conservation area.
22.07.2025	S	Fully support this. This area is already the mosque for Weston... updating it all can only be good for the area! This special part of our community are perpetually helping & giving within our town. They are a credit to Weston!
22.07.2025	S	Everyone has their right to expees their fellings but i can find most of the rasict comments on this aplocation that is actually harmfull for WSM community not this expansion of this building
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning.
22.07.2025	S	In reflection of the comments against this expansion, I feel like investment in this project is needed now more than ever. It will facilitate more education and understanding amongst different sub-groups in weston which is required for better cohesion in the community
22.07.2025	S	WSM is a tourist area. There's a lot of Muslims who come to visit this area but they might not have space to pray anywhere so expanding this mosque will greatly benefit the Muslim community as a whole.
22.07.2025	O	Not an appropriate use of this premises and certainly not wanted by the majority of our community.
22.07.2025	O	This will not rejuvenate our town centre.

22.07.2025	O	The centre of Weston has very limited parking. Expansion will just makes things worse for business who rely on passing trade.
22.07.2025	O	<p>The existing Muslim centre at the rear of prime Weston centre shopping location serves the local minority Muslim population in Weston. Already parking and noise issues on Palmer street have impacted those in neighbouring properties as a result. NOISE: I believe the expansion of this Mosque building is not suitable in such a high density space with residential buildings to the back and sides and businesses and some residential to the front. It is not adequately sound proofed next to flats which report being woken up at 3.30 am with chanting prayers. The impact of increased numbers will exacerbate this. Also noise till 11.30pm on certain weekdays and other times along with associated movement and parking of cars is already difficult in a dense residential setting to the rear. This is not an issue with a purpose built church building opposite on Waterloo Street, not least as their main worship is on Sunday (when businesses are closed), during social hours and also does not include early morning or late night as a matter of course. PARKING: Parking is limited both on Waterloo Street primarily serving shops and businesses and on Palmer street primarily servicing residences and some backs of shops. Not only is parking a premium it can already be difficult when the mosque is in operation at various times during the week between 3.30am to 11.30pm for residents and others trying to park at the back. This proposal to increase capacity in such a dense area with limited options to increase parking along with the increased of movement of people will exacerbate noise and parking issues for residents on Palmer Street and reduce business access on Waterloo Street for the wider Weston community and potentially reduce business prosperity if the mosque is increased in capacity given the various times it is in use throughout the week. CONSERVATION: English Heritage were paid to carry out a survey of Weston and designated a large area of Weston as Conservation. The buildings proposed for planning appear to be of bath stone frontage and are within the conservation area. I hope the directives given will be followed for these buildings. So much of Weston has gone down hill and we have such fine buildings it is a shame to see them deteriorate. NOTIFICATION OF THE WIDER WESTON COMMUNITY ABOUT THEIR TOWN CENTRE: Given that Weston's boulevard and other key areas of our Centre are important to Westonians as a whole and not just those immediately surrounding I was quite shocked and disappointed that I could not see a notice on either Palmer Street or Waterloo Street informing the wider community. I was then informed that some neighbouring shops received letters and that the Council website suggested this is an either or situation - either a letter to neighbours or notices for all to see. I am not sure I understand the rationale of North Somerset / Weston Town Council to only notify immediate neighbours of this planning proposal, given that Weston Town Centre encompasses the heritage of the wider community of residents of Weston super Mare and not just those in the immediate neighbourhood or a suburb. SAFEGUARDING WESTONIAN ACCESS TO EXISTING BUSINESSES: I understand that our more recent population of Muslim brothers and sisters in our centre of Weston especially around Orchard Meadows want to increase their Mosque capacity. I also understand it is most convenient for them in the existing centre and I believe all have a right to worship but still do not believe it is a suitable area to expand into without impacting existing access to shops and businesses for Weston's wider community. I include myself as I also often drive in to visit these businesses and fear the potential to do this decreased or removed if there is increased activity vying for limited parking spaces. The existing mosque already serves those who are local but I think any expansion cannot exclude the need for parking which other locations might provide. The proposals impact Weston's wider community who need to access businesses along that road too. As a former carer it was always extremely difficult to get things done and I often had to just get as close as possible to a shop and sometimes leave my charge in the car to quickly do my business and get back. Allowing such an expansion impacts such people. I would therefore be extremely grateful if you would give due consideration to my objections.</p>
22.07.2025	O	More important things needed in this Town.

22.07.2025	O	If you want any building that is going to attract a growing crowd then this is not the place. Maybe on the outskirts of Weston, maybe on one of the new estates. Palmer street is always busy on a Friday. Far too busy for a growing Muslim population.
22.07.2025	O	We have a thousand other needs in the town centre, an extension to a mosque is not one of them!!!
22.07.2025	O	Absolutely disgree with this, when the town looks as run down and as poor as it does, the council constantly fritter away tax payers money. Already had to stop paying ctax this year as i refuse to fund these sort of mad schemes and everything other than looking after our own
22.07.2025	O	I am utterly disappointed that my prior objection was deleted with no warning or reason, imagine going to bed at night knowing you did this to maybe hundreds of people. My reasoning that funds are better used in declining areas such as dolphin square is valid and it was silenced why? Because I disagreed with your opinion? Really shows the number of GCSEs this person has. Just a pity you dont care about the opinions of your town.
22.07.2025	O	100% object
22.07.2025	O	This is totally in the wrong place. The parking is awful, especially on a Friday, where cars just park anywhere, the only good thing is I can park on double yellow lines on Fridays without getting a ticket when I go to the bank.
22.07.2025	S	I support as all the community have equal rights also if you can see there are many muslim people residing in weston and this is the only mosque for the worship. Please support this as there is no mosque at all in weston so people dont have to go bristol
22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this planning application due to the severe lack of parking surrounding these facilities, It is already a struggle to find a parking space in this area, and this will just make the parking situation worse.
22.07.2025	S	Supporting the mosque expansion in Weston-super-Mare can bring meaningful benefits to both local diversity and the area's economy. A larger, well-established mosque can serve as a visible sign of the town's commitment to inclusion and multiculturalism, helping to attract a more diverse population and promoting community cohesion. Cultural and religious centres often host events, open days, and interfaith activities that bring people together and build mutual understanding. In economic terms, mosque expansions typically involve local construction firms, suppliers, and tradespeople, generating short-term revenue and jobs. In the longer term, a thriving community hub can draw visitors from surrounding areas, boosting local shops, cafés, and services through increased foot traffic and community engagement. That's why I support.
22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this
22.07.2025	S	Weston-super-Mare is home to a growing and diverse Muslim community, many of whom currently lack access to an appropriate and dedicated place of worship. The establishment of a mosque would meet a clear and increasing need, providing a vital space for daily and Friday (Jumu'ah) prayers, community gatherings, and religious education. In addition to serving local residents, the mosque would support Muslims who work in or visit the area-particularly those visiting the beach or town centre-by enabling them to fulfil their religious obligations in a respectful and inclusive environment. This proposal also supports the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010, which requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people of different faiths and backgrounds. By providing a visible and welcoming space for Muslim worship, the mosque would contribute meaningfully to these aims, promoting social cohesion and reinforcing Weston-super-Mare's commitment to diversity and equal access to public and spiritual life. The mosque would not only be a place of worship, but a community resource that embodies the town's values of acceptance, mutual respect, and inclusion for all faith communities.

22.07.2025	O	I don't agree with this at all,there people going hungry sleeping on the streets,people dying due depression etc you want to support this no not when the town needs so much much more this is not an essential need right now when you have so much more to deal with .very disappointed
22.07.2025	O	I object to the the commercial property being expanded as a religious place of worship. We do not want the call to prayer being broadcast 5 times a day as we have small children. The property should be used for business purposes only and not for a mosque, the high street is run down and needs more businesses in the high street to bring business to the area.
22.07.2025	O	We do not want or need a larger mosque in Weston Super Mare. The roads are full of potholes, we don't have an A&E department open in the evenings, the schools are falling apart and the town centre is full of empty shops and pubs. Spend the money where it's needed.
22.07.2025	O	I enjoy going to WSM for a few hours along the promenade, the last thing I would want to hear would be a call to prayer as I think it would spoil not only my enjoyment but others too. This is not the right place. Parking is always an issue, especially for disabled drivers, I'm sure this issue would increase too.
22.07.2025	O	Due to the restricted parking in the area of the mosque enlarging it only invites people from outside weston to attend the mosque there by increasing traffic flow and the need for more parking. I have personally witnessed this as I used to live in Bristol close to a mosque and 4 times a day the roads were jammed with parked cars, even on the corners. It was park anywhere at any expense. So absolutely now to enlarging the existing mosque.
22.07.2025	S	I support the expansion, the areas to be impacted I expect to have no negative effect, the businesses locally appear to be able to operate as normal. Parking exists throughout the Weston area and has never been an issue, I do anticipate that increasing the capacity may result in parking being more congested but to my knowledge prayers do not take very long and so parking spots are not expected to be occupied all day. As for noise, the main factor is the call to prayer and as this has already been ongoing for a long time and hasn't affected the public in any way, I anticipate that this will continue to have no net negative effect. There have been safety concerns for the public but this mosque has been well established for over 2 decades with no safety concerns, I am not quite sure what even are the safety concerns regarding the mosque, but again I feel as this is no issue. The mosque has held various community events with the public and hosted other events at other places such as the Weston football ground. These community events bring the people of Weston together and this increase in capacity can allow for better and larger community events. The mosque is (again to my knowledge) funded by donations and so none of this is to come at a cost to the council itself, which I'm sure may be a concern for many of the people of Weston. Ultimately, considering the main factors related to planning permission such as noise, impact on local area, and the parking situation. I expect an overall net positive impact on the Weston community and so I support this.
22.07.2025	O	I object to the above.
22.07.2025	S	I think it's a great proposal, it's a educational central for Muslims and non Muslims, It would be great for the whole community, I strongly support this proposal

22.07.2025	O	Dear Sir, I object to this planning request & would like it to be rejected. It will do nothing to regenerate Weston Town Centre as a thriving sea-side resort & improve community cohesion. In particular: 1) This large building, which will temporary contain a large number of people at different times in the day, has insufficient nearby parking for attendees; 2) Attendees being let out of cars nearby the building, several times per day, will negatively impact Weston town traffic flow; 3) By having separate doors for men & women this will negatively impact Weston Pride group & DEI principles. It will increase risk of disputes with other groups; 4) This large Mosque will not fit with the Weston Town conservation area. It is completely out of character. It looks nothing like the many stone buildings; 5) Weston community relations will be negatively impacted by a large Mosque in the Town Centre. It is likely to require more local policing, which is already very stretched, council involvement and will create more division, in an already divided town. It increases the risk of social unrest; 6) Increased noise levels at different times in the day, in a semi-residential area; 7) Lack of community engagement. Despite being on the various North Somerset online consultations, the plan was not communicated & discussed with the local community until this planning request. I request the proposed plan is rejected.
22.07.2025	O	I completely object to the use of the building for this purpose.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal on the grounds of serious concerns over the integrity of the public consultation process surrounding this proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Waterloo Street.
22.07.2025	O	I object because of of parking and the amount of people who will turn up. At the moment it says only Friday prayers i believe that will change over time also if the place is full will they be allowed to prayers on the streets ect
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	O	I would like to object to this proposal on 3 grounds: 1 the building has one allocated parking space and is not going to increase this number if the building gets a larger capacity. This building is already in an area which is difficult to park. 2. There are plans for a disabled toilet but no designated disabled access. 3 If there was an emergency at the front of the building which meant the building had to be evacuated quickly i.e. fire, I don't think there is enough means of escape at the rear.
22.07.2025	O	I have read the so called Heritage statement I wonder upon what basis they give support to the proposals, which are not in keeping with the local conversation area and ignore the needs of the local residents? They are an organisation of European original no local knowledge of the area or the people and their views are biased and should be ignored. They should concentrate their activities as per their website in third world countries. Yet another example of our heritage being destroyed. Please note of objection to the use of this biased statement and it's lack of credibility
22.07.2025	O	Not a priority for this town!
22.07.2025	O	I object to the proposed change of use as it is an erosion of the Christian beliefs of the United Kingdom, it will be in a commercial area of weston and is not suited in that area. There are enough places to share religious beliefs without trying to take over commercial property. I strongly believe that this will cause social unrest with the further erosion of Christian people and their identity. This is not what weston super mare needs or wants, we are not an Islamic country.
22.07.2025	O	Absolutely not !!!!!
22.07.2025	O	This proposal smacks of steam rolling the views of the majority of the constituency. Why is more not done to raise Weston's economic profile and tourism profile, by putting more money and attention into the built environment that the Victorians bestowed ? Better policing of marine lake. Improved maintenance of Madeira Cove. More on the fabric of Weston itself. I am also deeply suspicious of this application's transparency and I have doubts and misgivings as to the council's processes.

22.07.2025	O	Two reasons I object to this expansion. Firstly, the car parking situation which is dire at the moment. Expanding the mosque/school will only make matters much worse. Secondly, can we afford to allow three properties continue with a tax free status? At the moment there are two empty properties therefore no business tax from them but which, if the application is successful, there will continue to be no business tax. One of them is in a prime position as well!
22.07.2025	O	On looking at the area surrounding i am wondering what parking provision is going to be made for expansion of the site, as last experience of similar site when i lived in Bristol resulted in parking mayhem. Cars parked on pavements and any which way.
22.07.2025	O	I was born in ashcom house in weston in 1964. I live 5 miles outside of weston. I used to go shopping and have a social life with friends in weston every weekend. Now, I barely go into weston. It's not the safe place it used to be. It feels like I'm in a different town to what it use to be, a different country. I want our old weston back
22.07.2025	O	Firstly, I would like to express concern that many public comments, including mine, appear to have been removed. My previous submission simply expressed an objection without referencing religion. If community feedback is being selectively removed, it undermines the integrity of the consultation process and gives a false impression of local sentiment. I would like to formally raise the following objections: 1. Impact on Local Businesses: We should be encouraging local, independent businesses to occupy vacant units in the town. Expanding the Islamic Centre may deter footfall from the broader public due to increased congestion, which could prevent new business from renting spaces and negatively impact existing traders. 2. Parking Concerns: The area already struggles with limited parking. With no dedicated car park for the Centre, an expansion is likely to exacerbate parking shortages, particularly during peak prayer times when visitor numbers increase. 3. Pedestrian Safety: There is currently no zebra crossing in the immediate vicinity. Large gatherings before and after prayer times could create traffic and pedestrian safety issues, particularly on a busy road. It's clear this work is being done to accommodate for new residents in the area, I think the location needs to be rethought and if we were to have a new centre it needs parking and needs to benefit all local residents. 4. Pressure on Businesses: I am aware of local business owners who are considering terminating their leases due to current parking challenges in the area. If this development proceeds, it may accelerate business closures and lead to more vacant properties in the town centre. 5. Incompatibility with Local Character: The proposed extension does not appear to align with the town's traditional architectural style. As a historic seaside town, preserving the character and visual consistency of our buildings is important, and this design would likely stand out unfavourably. 6. Building Design and Safety: The inclusion of two separate entrances raises concerns about inclusivity, as the current building does not feature this. Why the need for the new building to have this? Furthermore, the plans seem to lack adequate emergency exits, which could pose a safety risk during high occupancy. 7: Noise, during times of pray it's extremely loud. I cannot see anything in the plans to prevent noise pollution. The local residents will not be able to sell their homes and will be constantly complaining to the council. In summary, I strongly urge that this proposal be reconsidered in light of the concerns raised above. It is essential that any development benefits the whole community and does not compromise local infrastructure, safety, or the sustainability of our town centre.
22.07.2025	S	The recent expansion of our local mosque marks a significant and much-needed improvement to both the facility and the community it serves. As attendance has steadily grown over the years, the additional space has not only alleviated overcrowding during Friday prayers and Ramadan but has also created more room for educational programs, community events, and youth engagement activities
22.07.2025	O	I feel that the parking etc will be a problem in the community, I also feel that woman have fought for equal rights and having separate entrances is going backwards for women's equal rights
22.07.2025	S	0

22.07.2025	S	I support a place of worship. The depths of human ignorance should not prevail over human decency. May God have mercy on them.
22.07.2025	O	.-Not enough notice given on application. -Noise pollution. -Aesthetics will not be in keeping with Victorian architecture. -not enough parking. I object to this Application.
22.07.2025	O	I object
22.07.2025	S	Discipline n good community integration is what is stressed to attendees to the center young n old. It's what the town needs to revive to.
22.07.2025	O	This does not help our town centre regenerate and could actually intimate some people from using the area. I have no objections to the general idea just the location. Large gatherings of any sort do not encourage diverse use by the many. Try another location.
22.07.2025	O	Not suitable for building or area.
22.07.2025	O	As a local resident to this area, I object to this planning application due to the ever increasing cars that seem to park where they like with no regard to parking as they should. Ie. On double yellow lines, across people's garage door ways. Also, I feel intimidated at times when there are large groups exiting this current building. I shouldn't be made to feel this way when I've lived in this area for over 30yrs. This whole area I feel has gone down hill over the years, people have moved because of this, almost been driven out. The noise level of cars late at night too are disturbing at times. We need to regenerate this part of town to bring back the feeling of a good community and one that we could be proud and safe to be a part of.
22.07.2025	O	This proposal is in the wrong location. It has no parking. The Council should be making sites such as this more attractive to rate paying business, businesses that will encourage people to the town for shopping or recreation.
22.07.2025	O	If Islamic education means teaching intolerance of other religions, that alone is a basis for objection.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this on cultural grounds
22.07.2025	O	There is never enough parking in town and struggle now being classed as disabled, i often park around that area and some days find it very hard to find a parking place specially when the center is already being used,, it's easier to go different places parking in that area, i cannot use the shopping center car park as I do not like lifts,,
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	I am strongly supporting this proposal. I believe that if this mosque is extended the opportunity of islamic education will be increase as well as it will be mostly helpful for muslim people.
22.07.2025	O	Reasons for objection: Parking - this is already a problem. Without additional parking taking into consideration this will cause huge disruption for local population and tourism. This is not in keeping with its local surroundings. Weston is a Victorian town with lots of Victorian buildings. This building is not fitting with its surroundings. Weston already struggles with a poor reputation and you can see the decline of the town. This adds nothing of value for the majority of the population and will do nothing to promote the increase in visitors and spending we so desperately need.
22.07.2025	O	Is this something we should be spending money on
22.07.2025	O	It would seem comments of objection are being removed, our opinion matters, yes it will cause already strained parking issues but unless all who have a say are heard then it will cause tension, our town is dying, and this is what you think is best? I absolutely object, I also do not appreciate receiving emails that my opinion has a British citizen is irrelevant and therefore removed!

22.07.2025	O	I strongly object to the proposal due to the parking burden that we already have. The Islamic centre down Palmer Street causes nothing bit problems on days/times of worship, vehicles flying up the road so the drivers and passengers aren't late then when all the spaces are taken up there are cars dumped everywhere without any regard for the public or the residents around the back streets. The back streets of Weston and the boulevard will not cope with the extra vehicles in such small proximity.
22.07.2025	O	I do not believe any objections or approvals should be delete they should be shown after verification. And all should be verified by name and address and must be local.
22.07.2025	S	I am a local resident and I fully support the proposed expansion of the Islamic education centre. This facility will serve an important role in the community, offering education and support in a respectful, inclusive way. While I appreciate that some objections may be genuine, it's clear that a local Facebook page is openly spreading racist content and has been heavily involved in encouraging objections - and that kind of influence should not be allowed to shape planning decisions. If this were a Christian or secular centre, I highly doubt we'd be seeing the same level of resistance. Planning decisions must be based on facts, fairness, and community benefit - not fear, misinformation, or bigotry. As a resident, I have no issue whatsoever with this expansion. I support it fully and hope the council sees it for what it is: a positive, community-focused development.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning as the seprate entrances for men and women should not lead onto a british public highway and approving theese plans will make women and men segregate in british public it goes against everything we stand for as a nation it doesnt matter if it is your religion or not you cannot just change the law and common value of the land to fit your relogion espceially when the womens entrance is so tiny compared to the mens lavish big one. We want to see womens equal rights respected and upheld in our community
22.07.2025	S	As a frequent visitor like many other Muslims from around the country I feel it a necessity to have a place of worship whilst we visit. There is clearly some very offensive objections here from some who clearly need to understand it's a peacefull place of worship and everyone should have the right to complete there faith without being labelled or mixed up into category's or social classes which clearly do not fit this particular application. The muslim community like any other is a valued branch of multicultural Britain and will be for may years to come and deserve the right to exist and practice there faith. Please be mindful that we are not accepting comments that are clearly out of line. Best Regards, Shahid
22.07.2025	S	I support this wholeheartedly. I think the mosque provides a beautiful extension to our community and urge everyone not to be drawn by hate and bigotry.
22.07.2025	O	It's not the correct area for this type of usage. There are plenty of small industrial units that would be far easier to be used on the many business parks weston has
22.07.2025	O	I object on the grounds of discrimination against women and the LBGT community. It is not for equal usage.
22.07.2025	O	We do not want or need this monstrous looking building in our town, it is not in fitting with the rest of the local architecture, and there is limited parking. It's a Big no from me .
22.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application. This building is not in keeping with the character of the street. This will cause issues with the character of the area. There is a lack of parking as is, this will cause more issues and disruption to the town. In the area there is a lot of residential homes this will be a conflict with the neighbour hood local plan.
22.07.2025	O	Parking issues, residential area, call to prayer at unsociable hours. I do not believe there is need for this education centre and if there is a need then a more appropriate place needs to be found.

22.07.2025	O	To many of these places Already in our town . Worship at home. Why not make this a place for some of our homeless that want a chance and help and those that have fought for our country out on the street or better still make it flats for those that cannot afford to live nowadays with kids struggling to eat .
22.07.2025	O	Object
22.07.2025	O	The nature of the application is to further the advance of the Muslim culture not only in this town but throughout the country. Why is it that only the people on the ground can see what lies ahead while people in authority cannot. Allowing building improvements to a so called place of worship breeds corruption as Wilber know. There are British Christian's residents of this town that are turned down for planning all the time due to silly loop holes in regulations. Why not allow the people of this town who have paid a lot of money to live here, have their properties improved before allowing this to even be considered. There is no way anyone one in this town would agree to it if you spoke to them in the street. Having the Muslim culture here, or anywhere will cost the tax payers even more to control. Why can't you see that. You've only got to look at other towns and cities.. the security, policing, the NHS for gods sake. It's written on the wall for you and you still can't or won't read it. I along with thousands of others are against this application and you as representatives of the people should listen to what we are saying. Simply NO
22.07.2025	O	Weston Town needs to be rejuvenated with local small business shops to bring in tourism . A bigger mosque is not beneficial for the local community who are predominantly Christians also in future cafes and shops that sell items that are not with the religion will be protested against. I have no issue with any religion but a bigger mosque in town centre is not going to rejuvenate the town centre .
22.07.2025	O	Weston super mare does not need another mosque - as a person who has grandchildren living there just yards from these addresses I firmly disagree with permission being granted and I know local feeling is against this most vehemently
22.07.2025	O	Object. A mosque already sits there and that's bad enough for parking, let alone building it bigger, especially in such a tight area of town
22.07.2025	O	I object to the plans being put forward. Weston is a seaside town that relies on visitors to help the economy. The town centre struggles so much already with the parking and volume of vehicles, that adding somewhere that a lot more people will gather at the same time will just cause more issues with parking eventually driving people away. If a bigger mosque is needed put it somewhere that it isn't going to be causing a problem!
22.07.2025	S	I have no objection with the changing layout. Street will look good
22.07.2025	S	I support to the Proposal. I wish we keep the mosque as a Weston residence we don't have to go to Bristol for prayer.Britain support multicultural. Please be mindful that we are not accepting comments that are clearly out of line.
22.07.2025	S	I support

22.07.2025	S	<p>I am writing in support of the plans to extend and improve the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare town centre. I am a long-term resident and business owner in Weston-super-Mare. I know the town centre well-especially this area-having worked here for a number of years. I think it's worth noting that I am a white British atheist with Jewish heritage, so my comments cannot be considered for any reason biased in favour of the development. Whilst I personally have no reason to visit the mosque regularly, as I do not practise Islam, I am pleased to see these proposals. The mosque plays an important role in many residents' lives, offering constant support and a sense of community. It regularly opens its doors to all-not just those of faith-and provides charity and kindness to all corners of our society. Having a separate entrance for men and women, for those who understand the religion or have taken the time to learn more, is not about inequality. Rather, it allows people to observe their faith in the way that is meaningful to them. This is an important aspect of prayer for many. The area around Palmer Street is currently very neglected, with absentee landlords, fly tipping, and worse. The new plans are attractive and considered. I believe we are fortunate that those submitting them are invested in improving the area so thoughtfully. All local residents stand to benefit from these improvements-not just those using the mosque. We have a growing Muslim population in Weston-super-Mare, and for people to live sustainable and successful lives, their needs must be met. Life outcomes are vastly improved by feeling part of a community, and happier people make for a better town for everyone. Concerns about parking should also be questioned. Many in our Muslim community travel by foot or public transport and will not be driving into town. It's also worth noting that fewer people will need to travel to Bristol for prayer, reducing environmental impact. Muslims are welcome in our town-why shouldn't they be supported in practising their faith?</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>I would like to raise my objection to the current planning proposal . 1- Noise levels (between the hours of 9pm until 7am) 2- parking 3 - changes to the outside of the building which are not in keeping with the character of the surrounding area/buildings . 4-The extended change of use is not required within the area . We should be encouraging more businesses back into the area to return the Town to the thriving seaside destination it once was . 5-insufficient notices put up showing the application in the immediate area .</p>
22.07.2025	S	<p>This is most needed, the community here have grown and need to use the extra space in the buildings that they own. It would be great to see these buildings used to there full potential.</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>I object to this proposal on the grounds of serious concerns over the integrity of the public consultation process surrounding the proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare.</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>This is not an appropriate use of the building for the following reasons: Waterloo Street is a key retail and commercial street, for the benefit of all community members and tourists on which the town is dependant. The local council should be stimulating rejuvenation of this street and its intended purpose and not changing use type.</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>As a town we need better infrastructure and repair which adds to and celebrates our British culture - cleaning up around Birnbeck for example and attracting tourism - rather than adding a mosque into our Victorian architecture.</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>I fully support this proposal, and will have no bearing or burden on the council as it is fully funded by the local community and not of the councils purse!</p>
22.07.2025	O	<p>The change of use would be inappropriate for this building. The parking and traffic is already difficult. With insufficient loading areas for local businesses. Local residents should not have to endure the increased nuisance at all times of the day, this adds nothing to the local plan and is a further decline of the towns trading area. The application is within the town centre conversation area and goes directly against it. Being completely out of character. I strongly object to this. The council should be encouraging businesses and rate paying organisations to the area. Not adding excess comings and goings without any benefit to local residents</p>

22.07.2025	O	This is not appropriate for this area as it is and always has been a retail area. This is not wanted by the community
22.07.2025	O	No thank you
22.07.2025	O	We need businesses and things to attract tourists to visit, this is not going encourage anyone. There's hardly any parking in that area as it is. This is going to be to the detriment of the businesses of Weston
22.07.2025	O	I don't feel this is an asset to the community. I feel there should be a town vote on this issue.
22.07.2025	S	I am in support of this bill.
22.07.2025	S	I support because this will bring community in Weston more diverse, to get together for cultural events, prayers, education for better relations
22.07.2025	O	Proposed entrance for women only is unacceptable in today's society...we are not going backwards. PARKING will be an issue. Call to prayer will disturb neighbours. These temples are never open to anyone unless you follow Islam..I know first hand as in Birmingham the same happened and we were not welcome....enlarging this temple as proposed is not a good idea in my opinion. There are no benefits to locals at all.
22.07.2025	S	The expansion of the mosques will provide cherished memories - joyful celebrations, quiet moments of reflection, and warm friendships that reach across cultures and faiths. My parents, now in their elder years, have been a vital part of this community. Expanding the mosque gives them-and others like them-a welcoming space to maintain the connections that matter most. I believe investing in a space that brings people together, strengthens local ties, and nurtures future generations.
22.07.2025	O	Multiple objections on here have been deleted, making it seem as if less people are against this proposal. This is plain wrong and undemocratic.
22.07.2025	O	I object to the planning as it has a separate tiny little entrance for women and a grand entrance for men and this is not what British society is about its backwards and a mockery to women's rights and equality that they have fought for for centuries. The money would be better spent on the hospital
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	O	This is not needed in Weston, the building has much better planning opportunities. This absolutely not necessary and will probably be shut down within a matter of time if the planning goes through, just like all other buildings that have such narrow use. Why plan an Islamic education centre when a small demographic of people will utilise it
22.07.2025	S	Impact: "Mosques are vital community centers, providing a space for prayer, education, and social interaction." "The mosque plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging and unity within the Muslim community." "Mosques often serve as hubs for charitable activities, helping those in need within the wider community." "I appreciate the mosque's efforts to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding." "The mosque's open days and community events are a wonderful way to build bridges between different cultures." Focusing on Individual Growth: "The mosque offers a peaceful sanctuary for reflection and spiritual growth." "I find the mosque's teachings on compassion, forgiveness, and social justice inspiring." "Attending the mosque has helped me deepen my understanding of Islam and its principles." "The mosque provides a supportive environment for individuals to connect with their faith and find guidance." "I admire the mosque's commitment to educating the next generation about Islam and its values." General Supportive Comments: "I'm grateful for the positive influence the mosque has on our community." "I appreciate the mosque's efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone." "The mosque is a beautiful and important part of our town." "I support the mosque's mission to promote peace, understanding, and community engagement." "I believe the mosque plays a vital role in strengthening our community and promoting positive values."

22.07.2025	O	England is a Christian country, I am a Christian and I object to the number of mosques being built in my country.
22.07.2025	O	I have read a number of the comments posted and totally agree with the objections. I have personally witnessed the use of tesco car park by worshippers taking up spaces for tesco shoppers like myself. The unrequired expansion of the existing building will only make matters worse. I object to this planning application.
22.07.2025	S	I wholeheartedly support this plan.The mosque already owns and uses these buildings. This proposal seems mainly to be making the internal arrangements more coherent for the use to which they are already put. At the moment, the Waterloo Street frontage does not enhance the area as it is an empty charity shop with whitewashed windows. This proposal would enhance the street scene by turning it into a used and usable entrance to the mosque. Similarly, the street scene on Palmer Street can only be enhanced visually by the refurbishment of this building to show its purpose and give it a more appealing entrance.Some objections have suggested that the tow needs to attract tax-paying businesses. I agree with that but this scheme does not conflict with that need; the building is already a mosque and there are many empty units in the area that could be used for other businesses. I observe more town-centre businesses being set up to cater for the mosque's clientele. I would expect that those businesses and a more attractive building might well mean more people spending more time and money in the town centre. Other objections relate to traffic and parking. As this scheme merely reconfigures and refurbishes the existing building, I see no reason to assume that it will increase traffic. My observation is that many people walk or use public transport to access the mosque.
22.07.2025	O	please do not delete my objection, we see what you are doing n. Somerset Council
22.07.2025	S	This is a great opportunity for the Muslim faith,for children to have the space to learn and the community should be supporting this there are so many closed shops in Weston.
22.07.2025	O	I object on grounds of 1) parking - a nightmare anyway 2) noise - call to prayer 3) mosque out of keeping in Victorian town
22.07.2025	O	I object to this, this is not fitting with the town centre. We need more shops to entice visitors back to Weston-super-Mare not add more deterrents. Stop removing objections and adding fake supports!
22.07.2025	0	0
22.07.2025	O	The noise and activity especially early mornings and evenings will disturb local residents with the call to prayer etc. There is hardly any parking available in this area and as it near the town center it will cause even more congestion. We are losing our local town shops at a rapid speed and this will not encourage people to visit our town which is struggling daily to keep their heads above water. This application is another nail in the coffin for the local town center.
22.07.2025	O	Not enough parking as it is for residents and the noise it's going to create
22.07.2025	O	Parking on the back street area of town and on the boulevard is very busy as it is, its obvious that this will cause issues with more illegal and reckless parking when there aren't enough legal spaces close too said place
22.07.2025	O	This isn't needed they already have a mosque 2 doors down they can do this from there
22.07.2025	O	This site is not being run properly. The numbers showing support/objection are being manipulated. Also the support comments are talking about religion & muslim community needs and are allowed. Numerous objection comments have been removed when no "personal discrimination" was posted. Nobody agrees with racial objections being allowed but ordinary citizens should be allowed to voice their views democratically.

22.07.2025	S	I support this planning application as a logical enhancement to the facilities already available to our Muslim community as long as the Victorian facade in Waterloo Street remains as is. With the building in Palmer Street already in use as a mosque, it makes perfect sense to expand into an adjoining building to provide a community space and to further serve the members of the public that would use it. The proposed changes to the Palmer Street side would be a great improvement on the current building in my opinion. There are already two other places of worship in the Waterloo Street area and I do not see how the parking would be any more of an issue to the Mosque as it is for those other premises. There are car parks within reasonable walking distances as well as on street parking. The longstanding Muslim community in Weston do an awful lot of charity work benefiting all, and I feel having this new community space would be an asset to them and the town as a whole. With the additional much-needed footfall, it might even encourage new businesses to open in the Waterloo Street area which has become very neglected over recent years. Assuming all usual compliance is followed, I would fully support this application to complement other places of worship in the area.
22.07.2025	S	Those objecting it don't realise the Mosque already exists and the former charity shop is already a part of the mosque. The only thing happening is it is made to look better. Complaining about the size of the women's section is also a clear indication of a lack of education on the given subject. Women are not burdened with the compulsion of having to go to the mosque due to many factors, some of which includes being pregnant, being a mother, and so on. However a space is provided for those who do want to attend. Furthermore no council funding is being used, this is funded entirely by the muslim community.
22.07.2025	S	I am support
22.07.2025	O	There are plenty of other places to put this. The area requires investment and more shops to attract people as it is very near what's left of The Italian Gardens. This is the wrong type of development in the wrong place
22.07.2025	S	Its very important for the community and for the local people. I am supporting this proposal.
22.07.2025	S	Supporting this project and development in the town that allows diversity and other faiths to be included in the eco system and to bring other tourist of similar to use the facility and contribution the use.
22.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal as there are serious concerns about the integrity of the public consultation process surrounding the proposed expansion of the Islamic Education Centre in Weston-super-Mare.
22.07.2025	O	1) I am concerned about excessive noise levels. 2) In my opinion the proposed facade is out of character for the area.
22.07.2025	O	I firmly object to the use of 14 Waterloo street a (class E) charity shop being changed into a place of worship class (F1) Islamic education centre/mosque.
22.07.2025	S	I support this proposal because I believe this country values true freedom, especially the freedom to follow one's own religion. Everyone who respects the law should have the right to live here and practice their beliefs without fear or restriction. Protecting religious freedom is essential to a just and inclusive society. This proposal reflects those values and helps ensure that people of all faiths are treated with dignity and respect.
22.07.2025	O	This is not needed in our town. Resources could be far better placed for the local community.
22.07.2025	S	I support the expansion

22.07.2025	O	I do not think it's a good idea to build this due to our already struggling economy, this will be a deterrent for our visitors. We already have young people who are scared to go into our town as they don't feel safe this will be another reason for them not to go. We are promoting segregation by building this with separate entrances for men and women. We don't need our children thinking this is okay. We already have a place for them to go behind the high street at the back of Poundland and b&m. There is no need for another one less then 2 minutes up the road. You need to listen to our residents rather than silence them. Many residents have tried to fight tooth and nail to say no to everything that you have already said yes to.
22.07.2025	S	0
22.07.2025	S	I think this is a good course that will further portray the diverse nature of our community. Not only will this place serve as a place of worship but it also goes to demonstrate the unity, multi cultural and diversity of the community we live in.
22.07.2025	S	I support this application , there is nothing more beautiful then a place of worship , worship brings peace and diversity and makes the community closeralso something to learn and discover Educationally
21.07.2025	O	I object on grounds of lack of parking.
21.07.2025	O	This is an inappropriate location and will cause a noise nuisance in this area. It will also put a burden on the local area for parking. There is not enough parking now and this will add to the problems. This is predominately a residential area around Palmer Street and this kind of development would significantly change the area. I strongly object.
21.07.2025	O	do not think planning process has been handled honestly, no transparency
21.07.2025	O	This is not appropriate for the area and is not wanted by the general public of Weston-super-Mare.
21.07.2025	S	This is a much needed project for the community. Its mostly required during Friday noon (for an hour or so), where the parking is not a constraint at the nearby streets. They are mostly paid and can increase revenue to the council.
21.07.2025	O	As my objection has been deleted for a second time i shall now put my object a third time. I object due to the fact that the proposed seprate entrances that are so drastically diffrent in comparison the mens being a big grand entrance while the womens being a tiny little doorway off to the side on show on a busy public street promotote sexism segregation and discrimination towards women. We want to see women be treated equally in our comminity and in public.
21.07.2025	O	Weston, like many towns around the country, is suffering from atrophy of the retail sector in the town centre. The reasons for this are various and it is a challenge that the council is trying to meet, for example, by trying to encourage new leases on shops, especially, I notice, in the Boulevard. This is to be commended but much more work is yet to be done. The emphasis has to be on retail and dining, things that will draw visitors and income to the town. This proposed change of use will do nothing for the town and given that there is no provision for parking, it is in fact likely to be detrimental to the town and against all the time and money invested so far into the re-invigoration of Weston town centre.
21.07.2025	S	I like to support this planning application this will grow our community and help the others what is Islam.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	I feel strongly about the layout of this proposed building as it has separate entrances for men and women, The space allocated to each is very different, with the men having th much larger part of the building. This doesn't feel equal to me.
21.07.2025	O	Absolutely disgusting proposal. Completely out of character for a seaside town, besides the obvious safety concerns for women and girls who live in the town of Weston super mare. Outrageous, no one wants this no one asked for it.

21.07.2025	O	The charities are struggling as it is we shouldn't be changing the use of a charity shop
21.07.2025	O	I object to the the planning on the mosque it's a Christian country and I don't want to hear mega phones calling to prayer and I don't agree with culture
21.07.2025	O	I object to this very strongly!
21.07.2025	S	<p>Support Statement for the Proposed Change of Use at 14 Waterloo Street, Weston-super-Mare: I wish to express strong and unequivocal support for the planning proposal concerning the change of use of 14 Waterloo Street from a charity shop (Use Class E) to a place of worship and education centre (Use Class F1), along with associated works, including the creation of two self-contained residential flats and modest external alterations. This proposal introduces a much-needed faith-based and educational facility that will serve Weston-super-Mare's growing and diverse community. The Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque will provide a peaceful, inclusive, and family-oriented space for reflection, worship, and community learning. Faith institutions like this are essential in fostering social cohesion, promoting mutual understanding, and supporting vulnerable groups with practical and spiritual help. The external changes proposed - including new doors and windows at the rear and the addition of a roof light on the flat roof - are discreet, sympathetic, and in keeping with the local vernacular. These improvements will enhance the building's usability while preserving the historic character of the area. The project demonstrates a careful balance between modern function and heritage respect. The inclusion of two self-contained flats across the first and second floors contributes positively to local housing availability. With the national and regional need for high-quality housing, especially in accessible town centre locations, this is a highly practical and welcome addition. It maximizes the use of the upper floors, preventing them from becoming vacant or dilapidated. The educational aspect of this proposal is of particular significance. Providing facilities for cultural learning, interfaith dialogue, and youth development will enrich the social fabric of Weston-super-Mare. It enables members of the Muslim community - and the wider public - to access educational resources in a safe and well-managed environment. Use Class F1 (for places of worship and education) is typically low-impact in terms of noise, traffic, and disruption. In contrast, the benefits - including crime prevention, community support, and civic engagement - are substantial. The proposed usage will contribute positively to the neighbourhood's social and spiritual wellbeing, without placing undue strain on local infrastructure. This is an exemplary proposal that breathes new life into an existing property while delivering wide-reaching community value. It is respectful of its physical context and deeply responsive to the social needs of the area. I strongly urge the planning authority to approve this application, which offers a balanced, thoughtful, and progressive enhancement to the town centre of Weston-super-Mare.</p>

21.07.2025	O	<p>I am writing to express my objection to the proposed development of a new mosque in Weston. My concerns are based on several planning-related and community-impact considerations:</p> <p>1. Community Safety: In light of the incidents of violence and disorder seen across the country last summer, I am deeply concerned about the potential for this development to become a target for hate crimes or unrest. While I fully support the right of all communities to worship safely, I believe additional consideration must be given to how this site would be protected and what impact that may have on local policing resources and public safety. I fear this development could unintentionally be used by those seeking to sow division, adding fuel to existing tensions rather than helping to heal them.</p> <p>2. Impact on the High Street & Local Economy: The proposed location for this place of worship could instead be used to attract new businesses that would directly contribute to the revitalisation of Weston's High Street and create opportunities for employment and economic growth. I believe the Council should prioritise developments that support this wider goal of boosting our town centre.</p> <p>3. Integration & Community Cohesion: It is vital that any new religious or cultural development in Weston actively engages with the wider community to encourage integration and shared use of local facilities. I would like to see clear plans on how this centre would promote openness, community involvement, and inclusivity, ensuring it does not lead to further social division. For example, In other cities Mosques often provide meals for homeless or people struggling financially. This is something I believe would benefit the community.</p> <p>4. Conservation of Local Character: Weston has a rich cultural and historical identity. It is important that any new development complements this heritage and aligns with the existing character of our town. I request that the Council carefully assess whether this proposed development fits within our long-term vision for Weston. How will this fit within the local architecture?</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>The fact they needed to get together to put loads of support for comments through over night when it started being noticed is funny, people arent happy. The people are speaking up about not wanting this in the town they live, try accepting the fact the majority do not want our town to turn into what other places in the UK have become like is fair. Instead of trying to out do generally concerned citizens of the town maybe just accept the fact it's not wanted and many do not accept this religion. Which i also will remind you is okay to do so.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>It will be a great opportunity for our children and community to learn about our religion and get further knowledge about islam.</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>I object! Our infrastructure won't cope. If we improve our infrastructure it should be for the benefit of visitors - they spend money here. We need the business.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>It's very important to have multiple cultures in the area,</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>I support this proposal. It's help the Community to learn the new cultures, also benefit for growing Muslim community in Weston, to get together for cultural events, prayers, education.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>I support this proposal</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>I believe that this expansion will benefit the muslim society as it is continuing to grow within weston-super-mare. It is important that like other religions, Muslims should also have a place to pray and worship. After a very long time, we have been able to establish a mosque in Weston which has bought the community together and also allowed for the younger generation to learn about their religion while connecting with one another. This expansion would allow this to carry on and give us a larger space to pray as more and more people have been attending the mosque, especially during Friday prayers and Ramadan time.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>Hello, I am Muslim revert and I would be so happy to see the mosque and education Centre to grow. My kids attend there to learn. We have absolutely massive amount of charity shops and I think we don't need as many in small town like WSM. This could help all Muslim community.</p>

21.07.2025	S	I highly agree this application It will be more benifital for all muslim generation. Also helpfull for prayar. I want to this application should be accepted.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	We already have a mosque in town and I belive will not fit in with a victoriana christian seaside town.
21.07.2025	O	Living very close to the mosque I have concerns about how these changes could affect my home. There are already issues with noise and parking, this could be exacerbated by these changes. During a busy evening there are often way too many cars directly outside (parking on double yellows, curbs and anywhere there is space). The other concern is that once they have finished, they stay around and have loud conversations directly outside the homes, this is most noticeable late at night, where it has gone past 00:00 on several occasions. Regardless of the outcome, infrastructural changes NEED to be made to accommodate the parking for the number of people attending.
21.07.2025	O	The parking is absolutely shocking! Every time! Have you actually driven down there before? There is no need for a small seaside town like Weston to have an even bigger mosque. We've also no need for residents to be subject to the islamification of our town as has happened up and down the our country . Shocking this is even being considered.
21.07.2025	O	The town centre dosent need this, if it is needed for the growing Idlamic population then find another more suited building with better parking and more suited. It's not about being "islamaphobic" or "Racist" it's about common sense, something the council and some of the public clearly lack.
21.07.2025	O	Object
21.07.2025	S	This initiative reflects a positive step toward meeting the diverse spiritual and educational needs of the local community. The proposed development offers multiple benefits: It provides a much-needed space for worship, learning, and community engagement. Such a centre will enhance social cohesion, promote cultural understanding, and serve residents of all backgrounds. I believe this proposal will be a valuable asset for Weston-super-Mare.
21.07.2025	O	This is a prime retail site and should remain so! If approved, This proposal for change of use would be another nail in the coffin for our diminishing town centre! Please carefully consider this. There must be other, more appropriate, less prime sites, out of town for this sort of establishment?
21.07.2025	O	I don't feel that this is in the interest of this town, in our schools te pupils cannot say the lord's prayer as it upsets other religions. I'm afraid this upsets me and my religious beliefs.
21.07.2025	O	Not needed they already have use of a building

21.07.2025	S	I strongly support the proposed change of use at 14 Waterloo Street to accommodate the Weston Islamic Education Centre/Mosque. This proposal stands to bring significant benefits to the local community across social, economic, and cultural dimensions. Firstly, the change will help increase footfall into the town centre, supporting local businesses, especially during non-peak retail hours when places of worship may be active. At a time when many high streets are struggling, it's important we embrace developments that bring life, activity, and connection into the heart of our town. Secondly, the centre will provide a valuable hub for education and community support, which can benefit not only Muslim residents, but also the wider public through interfaith events, educational workshops, and outreach programmes. These are opportunities for building bridges, dispelling harmful stereotypes, and fostering mutual understanding, things our society sorely needs more of, not less. Importantly, the proposal includes improvements to the building itself, such as new windows and internal upgrades, preserving and enhancing the urban environment rather than leaving empty units to decline. The inclusion of two self-contained flats also adds to much-needed local housing supply. This change is not about division, it's about inclusion and integration, faith groups of all kinds have historically played important roles in building compassionate, connected communities, and this should be welcomed with open arms. Diversity is a strength, not a threat. To oppose this proposal on the basis of fear, ignorance or prejudice does not reflect the values of an open, fair, and democratic society. It's essential we stand against hate and misinformation and instead champion community initiatives that contribute to the wellbeing, cohesion, and vibrancy of our town. I fully support this proposal and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for all residents of Weston-super-Mare.
21.07.2025	O	There are 101 better uses for a building that is so central. Retail would be a far better option.
21.07.2025	O	We should be investing in shops, dentists, bring our community to life, for everyone. Not mosques for the few.
21.07.2025	O	This is clearly not healthy for our community.why is so much being done for the minority and so little to the common people that pay for you to serve us .
21.07.2025	S	I support this project
21.07.2025	O	I see in some of the comments of those in support are promoting multiculturalism as a reason for the Mosque to be allowed, I`m not sure if they`ve notice multiculturalism isn`t working ? It was for a while when there were smaller numbers , but now there are just too many here who don`t share our cultural values, and have absolutely no intention of integrating into our society. Our little town is struggling already with the influx of people who have already arrived, and the town centre is a pretty grim place now compared to how it used to be . I strongly oppose this application, I don`t feel it would benefit the town in any way .And just before you call me out as a racist/right wing zealot - I`m not , I have mixed race in my family.
21.07.2025	S	Excellent use of building. Beautiful and growing Islam community that do the town proud and support local infrastructure
21.07.2025	O	Thus will not benefit the wider community at all. The calls to prayer are at ridiculous times and will cause sisturbance. There are numerous parking issues in North St already and thus will only exacerbate the problems. This is not wanted by myself and the money should be better spent to benefit the while community. We are not a Muslim country and thus will just stir up hatred and resentment
21.07.2025	O	Hi, I would like to object to these proposals due to inadequate parking facilities to start with. Also there shouldn't be separate entrances for men and women.. what about equal rights!. Also the potential for increased noise and disturbance especially during prayer times. There is also the impact of the characteristics of the area and the visual appearance of the neighbourhood and possible privacy concerns on neighbouring properties. I strongly object to these proposals .Kind regards. Jacqueline
21.07.2025	S	We need to expansion due to increasing of muslim community.

21.07.2025	0	0
21.07.2025	S	I support, I have lived in North Somerset for 23 years. I am atheist however I do not think it is fair for all these objections. People have the right to express their religion without racist comments. This building is not going to impact anyone expect from the people who plan to use. Half of you opposing don't even contribute taxes so should not even have a say. Bunch of uneducated racists.
21.07.2025	O	As a disabled person who visits this area regularly car parking is already extremely difficult. The proposed changes need to be reconsidered in the interests of the community generally. Sometimes I am forced to cancel my visit and try again later.
21.07.2025	O	Not. Needed!!!!
21.07.2025	O	This will not benefit the wider community of WSM.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	I object to the use of this building in a town that is not Islamic. This has no place in weston super mare.
21.07.2025	O	The parking around this area is terrible and the people attending this centre are very inconsiderate towards neighbours getting in and out of their property. Often find them obstructing entrances making it very difficult to get in and out of my property. The works needed will cause further disruption and obstruction to all neighbours surrounded.
21.07.2025	O	I don not think the building is suitable
21.07.2025	O	No parking - will cause large groups to congregate on an already busy road, no zebra crossing. Also, doesn't match the rest of the road. Plenty of Mosques in Bristol - just down the M5. Which I assume is used without any issues currently. Very close to the sea front which already has congestion traffic issues. I know local businesses along that road, that are already considering giving up office space due to the parking. Driving around the local area for 20/30 mins to get a space (factored into their working day), this will only make it worse and can imagine will bring inconsiderate parking. I know this will be approved regardless of this objection, due to local housing projects and you needing people to move in to the houses, a mosque on the door step is one selling point I guess. North Somerset no longer listen to the residents and it's a shame.
21.07.2025	S	As someone born in Weston-super-Mare 40 years ago, I remember being taught in a small flat because there wasn't a proper space for our community. It's been incredible to see how the mosque has grown over the years into more than just a place of worship - it's now an educational centre, a support hub for families, and a space that helps bring people together from all backgrounds. The mosque has been part of Weston for decades, quietly serving the community and contributing positively to the town. What's needed now is a larger, purpose-built space to meet the needs of a growing population and continue the great work already being done. There's no reason to fear Muslims - we are your neighbours, colleagues, mums at school gates and friends. Comments suggesting "we don't need a mosque" overlook the fact that it already exists and is playing a vital role. Expanding it is about building a more inclusive and supportive Weston for everyone. I wholeheartedly approve and support the proposed plans.

21.07.2025	O	Absolutely object to this application as is quite clearly pointed out a separate entrance for men and women should never lead onto a British public area. Women in our British communities should be treated equally. What sort of message does this send to the young girls at the local college that's 2 minutes up the road! I object to this planning as the seprate entrances for men and women should not lead onto a british public highway and approving theese plans will make women and men segregate in british public it goes against everything we stand for as a nation it doesnt matter if it is your religion or not you cannot just change the law and common value of the land to fit your relogion espceially when the womens entrance is so tiny compared to the mens lavish big one. We want to see womens equal rights respected and upheld in our community
21.07.2025	O	I wish to keep the mosque
21.07.2025	S	I vote to keep the mosque as it is an important part of society
21.07.2025	O	I Strongly object to the plans. Building will not be within keeping with the neighbouring buildings. The noise pollution when the call for prayer is blasted out. The separate entrances for male and female worshippers! Women thought hard for equal rights, we don't want to be taking backwards steps. Poor parking already in town centre surely the added pressure will be to much?
21.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this planning application. Parking is a huge problem in the area, and will only get worse. The call to prayer is noise pollution in a seaside tourist area. A separate entrance for women is discriminatory. The proposed style of the mosque in a Victorian conservation area is completely unacceptable. The retrospective planning for work already done is problematic.
21.07.2025	O	The area isn't suitable for an expansion of the mosque. Parking is already abysmal around that area. There are plenty of empty units in and around Weston with more suited parking.
21.07.2025	O	It is utterly unnecessary. There are plenty of mosques in Bristol.
21.07.2025	O	I believe that building a large Islamic education centre in an English town like Weston-super-Mare raises serious questions about integration and local identity. Many local residents feel that such projects are not about inclusion, but about changing the cultural landscape of our community. I respect religious freedom, but I also believe that the UK has its own values and traditions, which should not be slowly pushed aside. At the same time, there are many local people struggling with homelessness, addiction, and poverty. Instead of building new religious centres, public funds (or even donations) could be directed towards helping the homeless population, which is growing in this town.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	I disagree with this proposal, I do not believe Weston has the existing infrastructure, both socially or physically, to manage a building of this kind. I think it risks causing a social divide, and could cause problems with parking, and crowding.
21.07.2025	S	I think this is a lovely idea for our community, we have plenty of churches so why on earth do we not have a mosque? I am appalled and disappointed by the racist comments, let these people live with the ability to go to their church and have somewhere they should feel safe!
21.07.2025	O	This is going to far. No need for the centre! And you placing it in the centre of Weston! This is Christian country!
21.07.2025	S	I fully support the proposal by the Weston Islamic Education Centre. As a local resident, I believe this project will positively serve the community and promote inclusion and understanding.
21.07.2025	S	I believe a place of learning is a welcome addition to our town and for the future of our town.
21.07.2025	O	Please respect the locals of Weston super mares wishes . Muslims can pray in their own homes or in each others homes . they do not need to take over . They need to adapt and buy in to our values .

21.07.2025	S	The application would attract more tourist to the seaside resort allowing the local community to benefit economically from the tourist visiting and making use of the community centre at the heart of w'mere. The centre we'll provide families both male and female to frequent the place of worship and would also benefit the wider spectrum of the community to build bridges under diversity & inclusion. Visitors to the community centre (mosque) would adhere to parking regulations. The call to prayer is offered within the seclusion and bounds of the premises below a certain decibel and not audible from the outside of the premises. Separate entrances offer worshippers opportunities to prayer in privacy to their lord. The mosque would offer use of the space for community activities for all family members . The local community we'll significantly benefit if approval is granted .. under cohesion and unity in a diverse community
21.07.2025	S	A much needed space. 100% support. Community cohesion, a safe space needed for this area.
21.07.2025	S	As a nearby resident, I fully support the proposed change of use at 14 Waterloo Street to a mosque and education centre. It is the only mosque in Weston-super-Mare, and this expansion is essential to meet the needs of the growing local Muslim community. The proposal is thoughtful and will benefit both the users and the wider community.
21.07.2025	S	As a recent tenant of Waterloo Street, I have first-hand experience of the area's long-standing neglect. The shop fronts appear derelict and uninviting, and the rear spaces are desolate and frequently subject to fly-tipping. It is clear that this location would benefit significantly from investment and attention, which I strongly support. Moreover, I believe any redevelopment should reflect the needs of our diverse local community. We have Muslim neighbours who, as citizens of North Somerset, deserve a safe and dignified space to practise their faith. It is neither fair nor appropriate for them to be expected to do so in unsuitable or hidden conditions. Creating inclusive infrastructure is an important step toward nurturing community cohesion and mutual respect.
21.07.2025	O	I strongly object to the proposed design. The applicant's documentation claims that the proposed renovations will remain respectful of the conservation area's heritage and architectural context, however the Palmer Street elevation disregards these considerations entirely. The applicants assume that because Palmer Street is in poorer condition, heritage standards and sensitivity are less important. I understand that the proposed design is recognisable in eastern cultures and distinctive to many mosques around the world, but preserving the heritage of the town in all parts of the conservation area is more important. Ignoring the areas heritage risks eroding the sense of place and familiarity that is essential to the cohesion of everyone in our community. This kind of approach can lead to a loss of empathy and engagement with the area.

21.07.2025	O	<p>As a tax-paying resident of Weston-super-Mare, I am writing to strongly object to the proposed extension and expansion of the Islamic Centre located in the heart of our town's shopping streets, close to numerous residential areas. My objection is shared by many local residents who are deeply concerned about the significant negative impacts this development would have on our community. 1. Increased Parking and Traffic Congestion: The proposed expansion is likely to attract a higher number of visitors to the area, exacerbating existing parking challenges in the town centre. The shopping streets are already heavily congested, and additional traffic would place an unsustainable burden on limited parking spaces, negatively affecting local businesses and residents' access to the area. 2. Noise Pollution: Weston-super-Mare is a seaside town cherished for its relatively peaceful environment, particularly in residential areas near the town centre. The increased activity associated with an expanded Islamic Centre, including gatherings and events, would likely result in unacceptable levels of noise pollution. This would disrupt the quality of life for nearby residents and detract from the town's appeal as a tranquil destination for visitors. 3. Impact on Community Cohesion and Resident Wellbeing: The proposed development has caused significant concern among local residents about its broader impact on the community. The location, in close proximity to both shopping and residential areas, raises legitimate worries about the strain on local infrastructure and the potential for increased disturbance. Many residents fear that the expansion could alter the character of the town centre, creating unease and distress among those living nearby. As a community, we value the vibrancy and diversity of Weston-super-Mare, but we believe that any development must be carefully considered to ensure it does not disproportionately harm the town's residents, businesses, or visitors. The proposed extension of the Islamic Centre, in its current form, fails to address these critical concerns and risks undermining the balance of our town's social and economic fabric. I urge the North Somerset Council to reject this planning application and to prioritize the wellbeing of local residents and the preservation of Weston-super-Mare's unique character as a welcoming seaside town.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>This is very important for muslim community. Because on friday many people miss their prayers becUse of space.</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>I am unhappy that parking will become more of an issue and I am not happy with a mosque being in a central town location which may well bring trouble and unwanted people to the area. This is not acceptable for people living directly in the area , ie Palmer Street and even on the outskirts of the town.</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>This is an extremely productive initiative that the locals of Weston Super Mare should be proud to support. There is absolutely no harm in giving Muslims a comfortable place to conduct their worship, just as other faiths have their places of worship</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>I object to this, living very close to the mosque I have concerns about how these changes could affect my home. There are already issues with noise and parking, this could be exacerbated by these changes. During a busy evening there are often way too many cars directly outside (parking on double yellows, curbs and anywhere there is space). The other concern is that once they have finished, they stay around and have loud conversations directly outside the homes, this is most noticeable late at night, where it has gone past 00:00 on several occasions. Regardless of the outcome, infrastructural changes NEED to be made to accommodate the parking for the number of people attending.</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>I wish to oppose the proposed expansion of the Islamic centre. It's a perfectly adequate size alsady</p>

21.07.2025	O	<p>I am writing as a resident of weston super mare to respectfully submit my objection to the proposed development of an Islamic Centre at 14 Waterloo st as outlined in the planning application. I want to stress that my objection is not based on religious grounds, but rather on practical concerns regarding the impact this development may have on our local infrastructure and community environment.</p> <p>1. Traffic and Parking Concerns: The proposed site is located in an area that already experiences significant traffic, especially during peak hours. The addition of a centre that is likely to attract a high volume of visitors, particularly on Fridays and during special religious events, may cause further congestion. Limited parking facilities could lead to overspill into surrounding residential streets, causing inconvenience and potential safety issues.</p> <p>2. Noise and Disturbance: Given the nature of the centre and the frequency of events or prayers, there is concern about the potential for increased noise levels, particularly during early morning or late evening hours. This may disrupt the quiet character of the neighbourhood and affect residents' well-being.</p> <p>3. Scale and Suitability of the Development: The scale of the proposed centre appears disproportionate for the location. It is important that any community facility respects the existing residential character of the area and integrates appropriately in terms of size, design, and function.</p> <p>4. Lack of Community Consultation: Many local residents feel that there has not been adequate consultation or transparency regarding the development. As members of the community, we believe our concerns and voices should be considered as part of the planning process. I respectfully request that the planning committee take these concerns into serious consideration before reaching a decision. I also urge the council to ensure that any religious or community development is balanced with the needs and character of the surrounding neighbourhood and includes proper consultation with all local residents. Thank you</p>
21.07.2025	S	<p>I strongly support this. This proposal stands to bring significant benefits to the local community across social, economic, and cultural dimensions. Firstly, the change will help increase footfall into the town centre, supporting local businesses, especially during non-peak retail hours when places of worship may be active. At a time when many high streets are struggling, it's important we embrace developments that bring life, activity, and connection into the heart of our town. Secondly, the centre will provide a valuable hub for education and community support, which can benefit not only Muslim residents, but also the wider public through interfaith events, educational workshops, and outreach programmes. These are opportunities for building bridges, dispelling harmful stereotypes, and fostering mutual understanding, things our society sorely needs more of, not less. Importantly, the proposal includes improvements to the building itself, such as new windows and internal upgrades, preserving and enhancing the urban environment rather than leaving empty units to decline. The inclusion of two self-contained flats also adds to much-needed local housing supply. This change is not about division, it's about inclusion and integration, faith groups of all kinds have historically played important roles in building compassionate, connected communities, and this should be welcomed with open arms. Diversity is a strength, not a threat. To oppose this proposal on the basis of fear, ignorance or prejudice does not reflect the values of an open, fair, and democratic society. It's essential we stand against hate and misinformation and instead champion community initiatives that contribute to the wellbeing, cohesion, and vibrancy of our town. I fully support this proposal and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for all residents of Weston-super-Mare.</p>
21.07.2025	O	Going ahead with no interest in others feal
21.07.2025	O	No need for this in the town.

21.07.2025	O	<p>I have just been made aware that the council are actively removing comments. This is completely unacceptable. Be aware that these removals have been documented through screenshots and will form part of an investigation. Here again is my objection. I strongly object to this proposal. In a country founded on Christian principle, law and moral code it would be wrong to support the continued suppression of women within this culture. Segregation has been outlawed in many first world countries and I do not support its continuation especially within my own town and community. I call upon the planning department to reject this application</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>While I respect the importance of community facilities and religious centres, this particular application raises significant concerns that I believe make the location unsuitable for the proposed expansion. 1. Parking and Traffic Congestion: The area already suffers from substantial parking issues during events or gatherings at the current education centre. Visitors frequently occupy every available legal space and often resort to illegal parking-on double yellow lines, across driveways, on pavements, and at junctions-creating both inconvenience and safety hazards for residents, pedestrians, and other road users. The proposed change of use and extension would only exacerbate this problem, attracting more frequent and higher volumes of traffic to a location that lacks the infrastructure to support it. 2. Overdevelopment of the Site: The proposal represents an over-intensification of use for the site. The existing building already stretches the limits of what the neighbourhood can support in terms of traffic, noise, and parking. Expanding it further would worsen the strain on local amenities and disrupt the residential character of the area. 3. Incongruous Design: The proposed design changes do not appear to be in keeping with the architectural character or aesthetic of the surrounding area. Developments of this scale and nature should respect the visual integrity of the neighbourhood, and this proposal seems incompatible with the local built environment. 4. Unsuitability of Location for Increased Use: This is not a purpose-built facility with adequate space and infrastructure; it is in a residential or mixed-use area that is already overstretched. The proposed change of use would likely lead to regular large gatherings, further increasing pressure on local roads, reducing pedestrian safety, and impacting the quiet enjoyment of nearby homes. While I acknowledge the potential benefits for those using the facility, those should not come at the cost of significant and ongoing disruption to the surrounding community. A more suitable location-ideally one with sufficient on-site parking and better traffic management-would better serve both the users of the centre and the residents of the neighbourhood. I urge the planning authority to consider the real and evidenced impacts that this proposal would have on parking, traffic safety, the local environment, and the amenity of nearby residents.</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>I wish to object to the proposal to build a mosque and education centre at the named property. I feel that this is the wrong location being in the centre of town with limited parking facilities along with the fact it is not in keeping with the area being also a residential area. The application itself mentions that it will be the only mosque between Bristol and Bridgwater which means it will attract more traffic into the area. Whilst the concept is good my concerns are that if this is given planning permission it will become a target for vigilante behaviour which will bring our town into disrepute. There also doesn't appear to be any mention of 'calling to prayer' and the noise pollution this could cause should this be allowed which would undoubtedly lower house prices as a result. We are a small tourist town who rely on tourism and bringing vigilante behaviour into our town will kill our tourist trade. On top of this i note that Weston Civic Society are unsure if this application is in keeping with UK legislation and building regulations and the ecological report has asked for further surveys to determine bat behaviour which is legally protected. Our council have been given a mandate by the community to act in their interest and whilst i don't agree with racist behaviour or comments you have had to take off of the website you cannot dismiss all of the comments and have to realise that this is what the feeling are of the residents of north somerset and should not be dismissed out of hand but acknowledged. Our own Prime Minister in May 2025 said he didn't want us to be 'an island of strangers' but unfortunately that is what our town is becoming to local residents. Thank you for taking the time to look at my objection.</p>

21.07.2025	O	I strongly object to the proposed development, my reasons are, I personally feel that the area already has insufficient parking for residents already living there, so the additional parking needs for the mosque would cause friction and illegal parking, bringing the area into chaos. I also feel that in these times of unrest in the town, caused by decisions made by nsc that we are living in a tinderbox that is about to explode, many residents of the town are angry and upset by not only the proposed development but the way NSC are not listening to the views of the people living in the town. I do feel this as weston is a seaside town this mosque will effect tourism, purely because of the mood of the country, so therefore we could loose shops, bars, cafes and restaurants that rely on tourism in the summer months to get them through the year. This will add to unemployment and closed businesses. NSC needs to start looking at the bigger picture and what could happen in our town, and start listening to everyone in the town.
21.07.2025	O	I object as i do not want to see women being treated like second class citizens in my own town being made to huddle through a very small seprate entrance while men go through a big one regardless of religion this is wrong in any sense and it is my british moral obligation to object to such a thing it should not happen in this townol or anywhere else in britain
21.07.2025	O	Increased traffic,parking issues . Noise,regarding "call to prayer". Large gatherings of people possibly obstructing public footpaths,highways and intimidating others.
21.07.2025	O	Good Morning, I wish to object to this planning application for a Mosque, as it is inappropriate in a English Country where our religion is Christianity. We couldn't open churches in their country of origin. People living in our country should follow our rules and values and if that's unacceptable go back to their country of origin. Why not make housing out of the property with so many people on the housing register. Many Thanks
21.07.2025	O	I object to the application on grounds of noise and parking [REDACTED]
21.07.2025	O	I would not feel safe
21.07.2025	O	I object as I believe the proposed changes to the property would not be in the interests of preserving the character and aesthetic of the area.
21.07.2025	O	This will detrimentally affect noise and parking in the area and increase dangerous amounts of traffic. This is totally unsuitable and I wish to strongly object.
21.07.2025	O	I smell a rat , why would they need to build a Islamic center in this region, when there are very few people of the Islamic faith living within this area.and the suspicious way of getting votes when applying for planning permission , (just my thoughts)
21.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this planning permission, the town centre and the amount of parking required for people attending the mosque of this size right in the town centre would in my opinion will have an increased health and safety implications. With this in mind the addition vehicles causing addition congestion and pollution. Large groups waiting to enter the building and exiting may also pose increased issues with people passing, especially disabled persons, (who have enough issues crossing town as it is). The town does not need this. It needs shops to encourage people back to the centre of town. Not to exclude them. The area is better used as a shopping area. - as a practising Christian myself I would feel that it would also have a detrimental affect on the community within Weston town.
21.07.2025	O	Stay at home and pray
21.07.2025	O	As a gay man I feel threatened by the presence of Islam in my town. Also their views on women are not compatible with modern Britain. As a member of the Green Party I am opposed to this religious build

21.07.2025	S	Brilliant proposal. This will be an amazing opportunity for Muslims/non Muslims to come together and learn about the religion and hopefully to clear all the misconceptions. Please people put away your ego and racist comments to the side and broaden your horizons. Be more open minded and try to educate yourself rather than being stuck to old ways of thinking like your forefathers. Go and visit more Muslim countries and see how nice and welcoming Muslims are. This centre will not only benefit this generation but the many more generations to come. So please show more support for this cause. Please people get the translation of the Qur'an and study. You will be amazed and shocked why you haven't done this sooner. So here's some verses to get you started and listen to these verses with your heart and soul not just ears. "This world is nothing but a beautiful lie" Surah Ali Imran, verse 185 (3:185) in other words the life of this world is a temporary enjoyment, a "delusion of enjoyment". Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un To God we belong and to Him we return. Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 156 (2:156). One day your heart will stop beating & nothing in this world will matter, in the end it'll just be you, Allah & your book of deeds . today you're alive, tomorrow you might end up in your grave so stay close to Allah whilst you're still alive.
21.07.2025	O	I wholeheartedly disagree with this application.
21.07.2025	S	A fantastic use of space for the local community and well needed.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	The change of use would be inappropriate for this building. The parking and traffic is already difficult. With insufficient loading areas for local businesses. Local residents should not have to endure the increased nuisance at all times of the day, this adds nothing to the local plan and is a further decline of the towns trading area. The application is within the town centre conversation area and goes directly against it. Being completely out of character. I strongly object to this. The council should be encouraging businesses and rate paying organisations to the area. Not adding excess comings and goings without any benefit to local residents.
21.07.2025	O	I must object as the seprate very small entrance for women does not align with british values i agree everybody can worship what they want but it should not be allowed to go against the values of the country where it is , the image of the plans is quite frankly disgusting a very small entrance for women while the men go through a massive entrance almost like the women are beneath them and second class to them it is a sign of opression of women which does not align with british values and must not be built
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	I strongly disagree with this proposal as it is not in keeping with Weston-super-Mares interest.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	S	I fully support our fellow citizens having more space to practice their religion, as is a core principle of this nation. To see what is otherwise an empty location turned into a valuable community hub, even if it's not a community I personally belong to is always a positive for the town.
21.07.2025	O	Object.

21.07.2025	S	I am really disappointed to see the racist comments. This is regarding planning permission and the use of space. Genuine concerns, sure. But to add racist remarks to your "concerns" is uncalled for. This speaks of a wider issue that WSM faces, this rhetoric that "minorities are taking over" has made it quite an unkind place to live at times. As a British born, atheist myself - I believe everyone has a right to religious practice. Everyone has a right to have a hub that they can learn from. We are no longer a Christian country, we are very much a multi-faith country and I feel this is great that our town is reflecting this. It will also serve as great education to the uneducated on such matters. Sometimes we fear the unknown - and it can cause us to lash out in ways that are uncalled for. I think an open discussion would be great, given everyone is respectful and WSM can be a beautiful place.
21.07.2025	O	Increased and excessive noise throughout the day and night especially during the call to prayer and the gathering of groups. Increased issues with parking for local residents exasperating the current parking problem further.
21.07.2025	S	0
21.07.2025	O	Object to why you are doing all this. Why do you not come back to local people who live here. Make our town a place where locals what to live, most locals what to move away. Why????????? What are you all getting out of this????????? Weston has turned into a dos hole lately. Why are you letting it get to this. Or is this the reason you want to move migrants in????????? Come on speak back. Let us know you intentions to why Weston is like this?????????
21.07.2025	O	Seems my last comment was removed so I will say this. I strongly oppose this planning application. No space for parking especially during key times. It will not keep with the Heritage of the area.
21.07.2025	S	I wholeheartedly support this application. The more units in use in the town centre, the better. The Muslim people are integral to the community of Weston-super-Mare and contribute not only to the local economy but through their voluntary work too. I am not Muslim but I respect everyone's right to belief and I think a larger centre would be an asset to the town.
21.07.2025	S	I fully support the new Masjid expansion project. It will benefit the entire community by providing more space for worship, learning, and community activities. This project is vital for our growing Muslim population, and I believe it will bring long-term positive impact, in shaa Allah.
21.07.2025	O	I support the building of an Islamic education centre because, having grown up in Luton, I've seen firsthand the richness that cultural and religious diversity brings to a community. My experiences there opened my eyes to the importance of preserving and sharing cultural identity, especially through education. An Islamic education centre would not only provide a space for learning and spiritual growth but also foster understanding, inclusivity, and unity among people of all backgrounds. It's a step toward building a stronger, and more connected community.
21.07.2025	S	I support this application. While concerns about parking are understandable, there is ample public parking available nearby, especially at The Sovereign Centre Car Park, which is just a few minutes' walk from the site. This large facility provides convenient and sufficient parking capacity. The key issue is enforcement - ensuring that visitors use designated parking areas rather than street parking. With proper council monitoring, there should be no significant impact on traffic or parking availability. Additionally, repurposing an underused retail unit into a community and educational centre brings vitality and inclusive use back to the town centre, which aligns with regeneration goals. The proposed mosque and education centre will serve a growing local community and promote integration, education, and engagement - all positive contributions to Weston-super-Mare.
21.07.2025	S	Alhamdullilah we support.This adds value to the community
21.07.2025	O	No more mosque enough are built already it will spoil weston-super-mare
21.07.2025	S	0

21.07.2025	O	I object to a mosque being built in North Somerset, this is a Christian country and to many mosque are being built.
21.07.2025	S	Weston is now multicultural now and this should be reflected in the places of worship in the area.
21.07.2025	S	I don't see an issue as we have many more churches than mosques in weston super mare. The mosque extension would be good in my opinion.
21.07.2025	O	<p>I am a resident of Weston Super Mare.I agree with the comments made by The Civic Society and would also express concerns relating to the limited amount of available on street parking on Waterloo Street and surrounding roads which at this moment in time is already insufficient."The Civic Society welcomes the Application for the continuing and expansive use of the religious premises for the benefit of the community. We do, however, consider that there are opportunities to enhance the street scene in Waterloo Street that the Application is ignoring and, therefore, register our objection to this Application in its current form. In essence the application site has two public elevations one at the rear facing Palmer Street and the other, a Victorian three storey terraced building fronting Waterloo Street within the Great Weston Conservation Area. The rear elevation sits within an area of Victorian terraced housing whilst the building to Waterloo Street forms an inherent part of the Victorian existing street pattern and detail, and with vacant premises and many changes of ownership in recent years has suffered neglect. The absence of any proposed conservation and potential upgrading of these Victorian buildings is absent from the Application. The only references being made is 'maintaining and preserving'. We would suggest that works are required to maintain and preserve the Victorian façade and there is an excellent opportunity to enhance the street scene whilst respecting and educating the community of the religious aspects provided within the Mosque. It should be borne in mind that there are opportunities for the public image of the proposed Mosque to be reflected in both the rear and the front elevations, including the West elevation in Waterloo Street that appears to be omitted from the Application. With equality, diversion and inclusive being a progressive opportunity; the question arises as to whether the design complies with UK Legislation and Building Regulations. On this basis we have to maintain our objection to the application as currently proposed".A building can only be original once, once altered either internally or externally it will never be the same again. Once removed, the splendid Victorian style of this centrally located building will be lost forever. Please, we must fight to keep the authenticity of our Victorian town intact.</p>
21.07.2025	O	Does the extension of a mosque enhance the heritage of WsM - no.Will the very early morning disturbance of prayer calling disturb nearby residents- yesTherefore, I object to this plan.
21.07.2025	O	I object to the use of this building in a town that is not Islamic.This has no place in weston super mare.
21.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application.

21.07.2025	O	<p>*Please do not delete again*I wish to formally object to the above planning application on the following grounds:Impact on Local Amenity and Character of the Area:The proposed change of use to a place of worship and education centre in a prominent town centre location may significantly alter the character of Waterloo Street and its surroundings. The area is predominantly retail and residential in nature, and introducing a use that generates large congregations at varying hours could lead to disruption, particularly during prayer times or religious events.Traffic and Parking Concerns:There is insufficient information on how parking demand will be managed. Town centre parking is already constrained, and the proposed use is likely to generate a significant increase in vehicle trips, especially during peak periods. Without dedicated on-site parking provision, this could lead to increased congestion and unauthorised parking in surrounding residential areas.Noise and Disturbance:The application does not adequately address the potential for noise and disturbance arising from regular gatherings, educational activities, or amplified sound, particularly during early morning or late evening use. This may negatively affect neighbouring residential and commercial occupiers.Overdevelopment and Residential Amenity:The proposal to create two self-contained flats through internal reconfiguration raises concerns about overdevelopment. The scale and layout may not meet minimum space standards, and no clear details are provided regarding private amenity space, waste storage, or impact on neighbouring outlook and privacy.Lack of Community Consultation:It appears that no meaningful public engagement or community consultation has taken place prior to submission. Given the sensitive nature of the change of use and its potential implications for the local community, further consultation should be undertaken.In conclusion, the proposed development, while aiming to meet specific community needs, presents multiple concerns related to amenity, traffic, character, and overdevelopment. I respectfully request that the application be refused or significantly revised to address these issues.</p>
21.07.2025	O	I object to this planning application
21.07.2025	O	<p>I object to this application due to concerns about both the impact on local character and the lack of parking provision.Waterloo Street is a mixed-use area with a strong commercial and residential identity. Changing the use to a place of worship and education centre would alter the balance of the street and introduce a different pattern of use that may not be appropriate for this location.Additionally, there is no provision for parking, yet the proposed use is likely to generate significant additional traffic. Parking in this area is already limited, and this change would put further pressure on local infrastructure, causing disruption to residents and businesses.For these reasons, I do not support the application in its current form.</p>
21.07.2025	O	<p>The problem with parking will be a large issue, Having walked through the town this Friday a great number of muslim men were rushing away from presumably prayers. A few women were around Papa's Fish bar. The use of the property will add to the parking problem. The empty shops are being releaved and hopefully be additional shopping and eating establishments. have not seen a plan to develop this run down part of town if there is one where is it.</p>
21.07.2025	O	Disruption to neighbouring venues and building. Parking huge issue already.

21.07.2025	O	My objection relates to the access entrances in 14-16 Waterloo Street to the Mosque.I understand there are to be three entrances planned,Main Entrance,Acess to Flats, and a Women only entrance.I cannot find anything in the various documents on line concerning this.Has a feasibility study been produced on this,as the three entrances all open onto the pavement,which is not that wide. If there are are 2-3, or more people congregating outside the Mosque it will be difficult to pass by.One cannot use the road as there are always vehicles parked there,possibly a lot more, as the Mosque will be well supported, as I understand its's the only one between Bristol and Bridgwater.This could become a Health and Safety issue.As a partly disabled person,its difficult at the best of times walking on pavements,I dread having to find a way through people congregating on a pavement,and I certainly cannot try and pass in the road.I do not feel enough thought has gone into the amount of people entering/leaving the property at one time.
21.07.2025	O	I strongly object to this premises being used for any religious groups. This is the type of thing that is dividing the country. Weston is already in a mess, you need to focus on other things. People like me can pray at home and through online video meetings such as zoom, Teams, and other live steaming methods. Please do not do this.
21.07.2025	O	I object
21.07.2025	O	Listen to the public for once, WE DON'T WANT IT! There are various concerns over traffic, crowds of people, huge problems with parking, safety, noise etc
21.07.2025	S	Thats good initiative
21.07.2025	S	Support Alhamdullilah
21.07.2025	S	Alhamdullilah we support. Free country
21.07.2025	O	There is no place for an ideology that treats certain members of society like lower class citizens, like women and children. We don't want the awful noise of the call to prayer. There isn't enough parking. Why is this even being considered?
21.07.2025	O	I've already objected to this planning application and I have the email receipt from yesterday for that objection however it appears the council have been interfering and deleting people's genuine concerns over muslims and the way they live which is totally alien to our values customs and laws. Weston town centre isn't the correct place for this.
21.07.2025	O	This will be my third objection to this planning application. Why have the council deleted my previous comments requiring me to object again, this is a serious situation when the establishment can sensor public comments like this, doing this makes it look like you have already passed this application to appease muslims. Weston Super Mare town centre is not the correct location. By deleting objections you have crossed the line. At one point there were 150 objections but overnight these were deleted leaving only 6 comments. This is censorship and you are bang out of order.
21.07.2025	O	I urge you to reject this application. Parking is a problem in Weston. This will make it worse. We are a former fishing village. Now a holiday resort and retirement town. A mosque is not in keeping with that. We have lots of Victorian architecture. A mosque will be out of place. Noise will also be a problem. Call to prayer (5 times a day I believe) will disturb local residents, shoppers and holiday makers.
21.07.2025	O	Hi, I strongly object to these proposals due to inadequate parking facilities to start with. Also there shouldn't be separate entrances for men and women.. what about equal rights!. Also the potential for increased noise and disturbance especially during prayer times. There is also the impact of the characteristics of the area and the visual appearance of the neighbourhood. I strongly object to this proposal. Kind regards

20.07.2025	O	Ok this is my fourth attempt to add my objection because someone has been deleting comments overnight. I object to this planning application because the centre of an English town isn't the correct location. I will be checking in the morning to see if you have also deleted this comment. Whoever's interfering with this process must be stopped.
20.07.2025	O	we do not need this in our town
20.07.2025	O	<p>I strongly object to the Mosque expansion, from a planning aspect there is lack of sufficient parking for the increase in people who will attend. There will be an increase in footfall in what is a largely residential area, this would cause noise concerns. There is also concern that the call to prayer would be played out over loud speakers which would cause noise issues for local residents and be very triggering to people who do not wish to hear this.</p> <p>From a cultural point of view, it is against Western Liberal values to segregate men and women in public buildings. Why is the mens entrance lavish with plenty of space at the front of the building, yet the ladies entrance is a plain door hidden at the back of the building? we have a duty to ensure men and women are treated equally in our society and this is not equal treatment. North Somerset Council I would hope would not endorse the segregation of women.</p> <p>We have freedom of religion in our country but we should not be allowing ideas to flourish at the detriment of our own society and cultural norms. There are increasing cultural tensions throughout the country and we should now be aiming to assimilate people who choose to make Britain their home and ensure they adopt Western Values. Green lighting buildings such as this will create more fragmented societies. It is clear to see the majority of people object to this application and have very legitimate concerns. It should therefore be refused.</p>
20.07.2025	S	
20.07.2025	S	The users of the community centre have always been very respectful with the use of the building and the surrounding area. Diversity and acceptance only adds to the beautiful spirit of Weston and so I am in full support of this project as I believe this will enrich our community further.
20.07.2025	O	Weston town centre will suffer. Christian church hall opposite, will we be allowed to continue our faith?? Town will suffer. Shops and businesses will close due to no places to park. You will affect so many residents of our town. The islamic building on north Street has looked after our Muslim residents who have resided in this town for many years, these people are mainly successful business men in our town. To expand to cater for the masses is unacceptable. Bristol should be the nearest city for them to Prayer. Or have no doubt our town will not be managed. We have no police out in our town yet. You will be causing a major situation should this go forward. This should not be allowed in Weston town centre. I would be interested to know who is making the decision on this and where exactly they live? Will it affect those in charge of this or will it just be Weston residents and businesses who suffer?
20.07.2025	O	<p>Looking at the Visit Weston-super-Mare webpage Weston-super-Mare is still regarded as a holiday destination, what impact would a mosque and it's traditional early morning call to prayer have on local hotels, guest houses, B&B's, Air Bnb etc. ? Where would worshippers / attendees park ? How many will attend ? And at what times of the day ? How close are residential properties ? What impact will the mosque have on local businesses ? If it's being described as a "community centre" are there any other community facilities nearby ? What local transport links exist to support attendees ? Does the development take away commercial or employment potential, after all, Weston regards itself as a tourist destination ? What are the anticipated attendance rates and how do these impact on Health & Safety legal requirements ? The proposed upstairs accomodation appears missing adequate escape routes. How does the proposed building design fit in with the surrounding buildings ?</p>

20.07.2025	O	I have just read the Public Notice Regarding Planning Application 25/P/0530/FUL and would like to know when and where full council members made this decision ? Where is this minuted ? I understand the GDPR implications with regards personal data (not applicable in this case as no personal data is displayed). but also understand the Human Rights Act 1998 in particular Article 10. Someone appears to have made the decision in this instance to remove all public comments regarding this application whilst comments for other planning applications remain available for public viewing. Does the council not realise the dangerous precedent this move entails, individual political influence over public interest and North Somerset Residents opinions.
20.07.2025	O	We need shops not mosques. This is not a good use of commercial premises.
20.07.2025	O	I object to this proposal. The following has come to my attention. - Up to 30 registered objections have been removed from the public record without explanation by North Somerset Council. - Between 11pm and 6am, the number of supporting votes jumped suspiciously from 18 to 70 - Many of the new supporting comments are copy and pasted or with no comment at all, none of these have been deleted. - Lib Dem councillor Mark Canniford claimed there were 80 supporting comments by 11pm, yet timestamped screenshots show there were only 16. Weston is a nice town, it does not need this.
20.07.2025	O	Please stop this application. Typically mosques practice calling to prayer which is not compliant with local tradition.
20.07.2025	O	I object on the grounds that Weston has always been a Victorian town. Given NSC have always stipulated about maintaining the look of its shop fronts. Having a building that doesn't look the same as the rest will look an eye sore and not in keeping with its neighbours. If this is to be a visitors centre then it will exacerbate traffic which is already a very busy
20.07.2025	O	Dear Sir, I object to this planning request & would like it to be rejected. It will do nothing to regenerate Weston Town Centre as a thriving sea-side resort & improve community cohesion. In particular: 1) This large building, which will temporary contain a large number of people at different times in the day, has insufficient nearby parking for attendees; 2) Attendees being let out of cars nearby the building, several times per day, will negatively impact Weston town traffic flow; 3) By having separate doors for men & women this will negatively impact Weston Pride group & DEI principles. It will increase risk of disputes with other groups; 4) This large Mosque will not fit with the Weston Town conservation area. It is completely out of character. It looks nothing like the many stone buildings; 5) Weston community relations will be negatively impacted by a large Mosque in the Town Centre. It is likely to require more local policing, which is already very stretched, council involvement and will create more division, in an already divided town. It increases the risk of social unrest; 6) Increased noise levels at different times in the day, in a semi-residential area; 7) Lack of community engagement. Despite being on the various North Somerset online consultations, the plan was not communicated & discussed with the local community until this planning request. I request the proposed plan is rejected.
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19.07.2025	S	As someone who has been raised in Weston-super-Mare since birth, I have witnessed the town grow and evolve in many ways. The expansion of the mosque is a clear and a positive symbol of this progress. It reflects not only the increasing diversity of our town, but also the inclusivity that defines our community today. A larger mosque means that more people will have the opportunity to come together for prayer, education, and community events. It creates a welcoming space for families, children, and individuals of all ages to connect, learn, and support one another. This development also encourages interfaith dialogue and understanding, helping to break down barriers and promote mutual respect among different cultural and religious groups.

19.07.2025	O	I believe that government funds should be used to benefit as many people as possible and that this is being used to benefits a small sub sector or people. It is not the most efficient use of funds when the rest of our town centre is dying and areas such as dolphin square are still empty dust fields whilst the population of weston continues to increase. Therefore these funds should be directed elsewhere to provide amenities for the wider population.
19.07.2025	O	The change of use would be inappropriate for these types of buildings in this area. Usage of this nature would create traffic and parking where parking is limited to loading, this is a busy road and local residents should not have to ensure the increased nuisance at all times of the day, this adds nothing to the local plan and is a further degradation of the towns trading area and prosperity and the death of the local high street, this council should promoting and bringing trading businesses to the area not contributing to this decline. It is unlikely that the building we be maintain and create an eyesore for the local residents. I object strongly.
19.07.2025	O	I object to the plans being put forward. Weston is a seaside town that relies on visitors to help the economy. The town centre struggles so much already with the parking and volume of vehicles, that adding somewhere that a lot more people will gather at the same time will just cause more issues with parking eventually driving people away. If a bigger mosque is needed put it somewhere that it isn't going to be causing a problem!
19.07.2025	S	The expansion of the mosques will provide cherished memories - joyful celebrations, quiet moments of reflection, and warm friendships that reach across cultures and faiths. My parents, now in their elder years, have been a vital part of this community. Expanding the mosque gives them-and others like them-a welcoming space to maintain the connections that matter most. I believe investing in a space that brings people together, strengthens local ties, and nurtures future generations.
19.07.2025	O	There is a problem with parking in Town and this plan will not help as there is no provision for parking. Also footfall will undoubtedly increase and this will cause disturbance and noise in the surrounding streets. This will have an impact on a substantial area.
19.07.2025	O	I urge you to reject this planning request. Parking is a big problem in Weston. It will be made worse by having a mosque in town. Noise will also be a problem. Call to prayer (5 times a day, I believe) will disturb local residents.