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I am writing in support of this application.

This is a very important community facility and has been at the centre of a hostile and racist campaign instigated by the English Defence League and the Jewish Defence League, both staunchly Islamophobic organisations. Sadly, as a result of pressure from the EDL and JDL, Camden's unwillingness to engage effectively with the sensitive community concerns, and the subsequent mud-slinging at the earlier planning stage, has caused a lot community tensions.

This organisation looks after a whole host of local children and gives advice and support to adults and receives no financial support whatsoever from the Council. It has the strong support of local police, who believe the facility keeps hundreds of kids off the streets, and only adds to the overall reduction in crime in the area.

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