

NORTHWEST ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE

مركز نورث وست للثقافة الاسلامية

Supporting statement

We would like to state that, Most of our community members do come to the centre using public transport, like buses, underground, British rail, cycling and those who live within a walking distance they come into the centre by walking.

We have been advising and encouraging our community members to use public transport when coming into the centre since the creation of our community centre.

We have been very strict on how people, who use our services, transport themselves from and into the centre and we are glad to say that the community members have been cooperative on the issue and we will continue to educate our members to use public transport.

Whenever we have an event for the community there are members of the staff designated to watch and control any parking violation around and within the vicinity of the centre.

Friday prayers

The Friday prayer is the back bone of the community and it plays a major roll for uniting the community and it brings all ages together including the youth.

Since we lost the Friday prayers the community has been severely affected and the community disintegrated and those mostly affected are the venerable elderly members and the youth.

Since the council imposed the restriction on us we lost Friday collection income which use to cover the day today running of the centre and we are struggling paying the bills.

Head designated staff is **Mr Yahya Moalin** and he is responsible to make sure no one using our centre violates parking restrictions around the centre.

Mr Moalin will employ and work with Volunteers during Fridays and on weekends to help him control community members when they are coming into/exiting the centre.

As we mentioned in our management plan report we will continue to make sure that, those who use our services are well informed and encouraged to use public transport when coming to the centre.

Regarding the back fire exit door we have been monitoring since the council imposed the opening restrictions and the community have been having difficulties especially the female participant who uses the centre, we therefore request the restrictions to be eased because when we have separate programmes for women and men we need a separate entrance for women, these programmes most take place on weekends

Conclusion.

Our community provide many different services for the community at large, we give advice and help to the community on the following services:-Housing, benefits, health and many other areas that they may require.

We have special programmes for the youth boys and girls in order to prevent them going loitering and going to the wrong hands of extremism, drugs and anti social behaviours.