

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 06/05/2025 10:35 AM from Mr Amir Ahmed.

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House (sui generis) to Place of Worship or Religious Instruction (Class F1) at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	A mosque is a vital institution within any local area, serving not only as a dedicated place of worship for Muslims but also as a broader community asset that supports social cohesion, education, and inclusivity. The presence of a mosque provides a spiritual and communal hub that meets the religious needs of residents and contributes meaningfully to the cultural and social fabric of the community. First and foremost, a mosque is essential for Muslims to fulfil their religious obligations. Daily prayers, weekly Friday congregational prayers (Jumu'ah), and special services during Ramadan and Eid are fundamental aspects of Islamic life. Having a mosque locally ensures that worshippers do not have to travel long distances, which is particularly important for the elderly, families with young children, and those with limited mobility. It also promotes regular engagement with faith, which in turn supports individual well-being and a sense of belonging. Beyond religious services, mosques often provide a range of community benefits. They offer educational programs for children and adults, host charitable events, support interfaith dialogue, and act as a point of contact for local services. Many mosques operate food banks, youth mentoring schemes, and health awareness campaigns. These initiatives support not only Muslim residents but the wider community, reflecting the mosque's role as an inclusive and proactive institution. The establishment of a mosque also aligns with the aims and policies of many local councils. Local authorities increasingly recognise the importance of promoting equality, inclusion, and community resilience. A mosque supports these priorities by encouraging participation, reducing social isolation, and fostering mutual understanding among diverse groups. Councils often prioritise community-led infrastructure and faith-based engagement as part of their strategic planning frameworks, and a well-managed mosque directly contributes to these goals. Moreover, planning policies typically support the development of community facilities where there is clear local need. With the growth of the local Muslim
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population, the demand for an accessible and appropriately located place of worship becomes even more pressing. Providing such infrastructure not only meets immediate religious needs but also supports sustainable community development.

From a planning and environmental perspective, mosques can be designed to be low-impact, energy-efficient, and considerate of local aesthetics. Community consultation and responsible management can ensure that concerns such as parking, noise, or crowding are addressed proactively and collaboratively.

Kind regards