

**CAR PARKING CAPACITY ASSESSMENT
FOR EXTENSIONS & ALTERATIONS TO MADINAH COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 102,
RUGBY ROAD, HINCKLEY**

INTRODUCTION

This car parking capacity assessment is submitted on behalf of the Madinah Community Centre which occupies the site at 102, Rugby Road, Hinckley in support of a planning application made to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for full planning permission for change of use from first floor flat Class C3 to community centre Class F2, with a first-floor extension and ground and first floor internal alterations to improve the facilities which can be provided at the Centre.

This car parking capacity assessment has been prepared to address the parking demand associated with the application site.

BACKGROUND

Vehicular access to the Madinah Community Centre is via Willowbank Road and there is a hard surfaced area to the rear of the building providing existing designated parking for 6 no. cars including a disabled parking space and 3 no. cycle hoops. No additional space is available to increase the number of parking spaces.

The GIA of the new extensions is 38.33m² and Leicestershire Highways recommend 1 no. parking space per 5m² for Class F2 use.

It is recognised that the site is in a high access area, with access to public transport and where some members of the congregation would walk to the Centre, however, on-site car parking and persons arriving by car at prayer times would be managed by the Centre by marshalling of the car park.

Approximately 8 no. on-street parking spaces on Rugby Road are available with a one hour waiting limit adjacent to the Centre. There are numerous parking spaces available under the local Sainsbury supermarket and other parking spaces are available to the south of Hawley Road and Southfield Road.

The Centre is being used by the vibrant Bangladeshi community of around 100-120 people in the Hinckley and Burbage area.

HOURS OF OPENING

The community centre is open and available for use from 08.00am to 20.00pm, but it is not used consistently throughout the opening hours because of the small clientele available to use it. For some periods of the day the building is closed.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Two prayer meetings are held at the Centre on Fridays. The first prayer is at 12.30pm and the second prayer is at 13.30pm (times may be adjusted depending on seasons, but typically the prayers will be an hour apart providing ample time for worshippers to exit the premises and car park).

Friday prayer is when there is the largest congregation at the Centre. The prayer takes approximately 20 minutes in total from an individual entering the Centre and then leaving. It should be noted that the prayer at 12.30pm is the only prayer which attracts both locals living around the Centre and people who work in nearby businesses and offices. The Centre is proposing measures as part of a Management Plan which would ensure that there are no severe detrimental impacts on the use of the highway.

Members of the congregation do not all attend the same prayer meeting. The maximum number of the congregation attending each prayer meeting is 45 persons.

EDUCATION USE

Space is available within the Centre to provide education for children between 17.00- 19.00pm Monday to Friday each week and there are no more than 6 students per class.

Community use of the Centre to provide educational facilities takes place at different times to the prayer meetings.

BASELINE PARKING SURVEY

A parking survey was undertaken on Friday 26 June 2026 between 11.30am and 14.00pm in the car park to the rear of the Centre and on Rugby Road adjacent to the Centre.

Friday is the busiest time for the Centre but the 6 no. parking spaces at the Centre were only fully occupied between 12.00noon and 13.30pm. The car parking spaces along Rugby Road were not fully occupied during the same period.

PARKING

The number of existing car parking spaces totals 6 no. official spaces. This number can be increased during busy periods on Friday lunchtime as marshals actively overseeing the car park, strategically managing it to maximise parking capacity. This involves employing a method where some cars are positioned to block others but thereby increasing the overall parking spaces available to 12 no. maximum.

Leicestershire Highways require for developments such as a place of worship 1 no. car parking space per 5m².

The GIA of the new ground and first floor extensions is 38.33m² so this means that an additional 8 no car parking spaces would be required and this can be accommodated on site by careful management of access and egress to the car park.

Parking is expected to be short in duration and not anticipated to create a severe network impact or an unacceptable highway impact.

For most days of the week the Centre car park is under used and the planning application should not be refused on highway grounds where sufficient parking spaces are available.