

Redevelopment of the Annoor Cultural & Community Centre

Community Update

Ramadan 2026/1447



This Ramadan we would like to update our community on the progress of the Al-Hidayah Centre redevelopment project. The project aims to create a modern masjid and community hub for future generations, serving the people of Acton and the wider community. Over three decades of service has taken place, and we are now working to secure our future for the next generation.

Please visit our website for updates on the redevelopment project.

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Director's Message

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*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu,
Respected Brothers & Sisters,*

*For more than **three decades**, this centre has served as a place of **worship, support, and community** for the people of Acton and beyond. What began as a small community initiative in 1994 has grown into an important hub for faith, education, and social gatherings.*

*The vision for the Al-Hidayah Centre is to secure that **legacy for future generations**. Our goal is to deliver a modern, purpose-built facility that will provide a masjid, community spaces, education facilities, and vital services that benefit both the Muslim community and our wider neighbours.*

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This project represents not just a new building, but a **long-term investment in our community's future** – creating a space where faith, knowledge, and community life can thrive together.

I would like to thank our **volunteers, supporters, professional team**, and the wider community for their continued support, patience, and prayers throughout this process.

We look forward to sharing the next stage of this journey with you.

Kalim Reid

Managing Director



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Our Vision

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The new Al-Hidayah Centre will provide:

- A **purpose-built** masjid and prayer hall
- Community halls and **education spaces**
- **Funeral and bereavement** facilities
- A café, bookshop and library
- **Youth and community** services
- Residential homes above to help fund and **sustain the centre long-term.**

This will transform the current ageing building into a modern community facility serving both Muslims and the wider local community.



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Vision for the New Centre

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Faith

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At the heart of the new centre lies **worship**. Purpose-built prayer halls for men and women will provide a peaceful space for daily prayers, Friday gatherings, Ramadan and Eid celebrations – nurturing **spiritual growth, connection, and reflection**.



Recreation

Recreation

The new Al-Hidayah Centre will provide welcoming facilities for **families and individuals** to **relax, socialise, and connect**. From a community café and bookshop to multipurpose halls and social spaces, the centre will offer a safe environment for recreation and wellbeing.



Youth

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Our **youth** are our **future**. Dedicated spaces will encourage young people to **learn, lead, and thrive** through mentoring, workshops, and creative projects – fostering confidence, leadership, and belonging in a positive environment.



Education

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Knowledge has always been central to our mission. The new centre will offer modern classrooms, lecture halls, and learning spaces for **children and adults alike** – supporting religious studies, **academic enrichment, and personal development** programmes.



Community

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The Centre will remain a beacon of **unity, service, and compassion** – open to all. It will host interfaith events, support networks, charitable initiatives, and advice services, ensuring that the spirit of Annoor continues to strengthen lives and bring people together.

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Where we are now

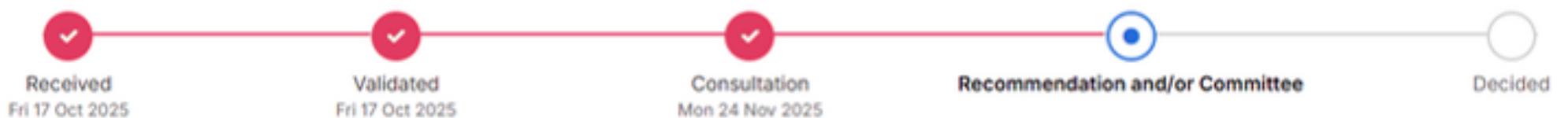
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The planning application for the redevelopment of 58–70 Church Road had an initial determination deadline of **Friday 16 January 2026**.

The application remains under review while the council completes **final consultations and technical assessments**. It is normal for deadlines to be extended during this stage of the planning process.

We remain **hopeful** and will share a **further update** with the community as soon as a decision is issued.

Thank you to everyone for your **continued support and Duas** for this important project for our community.



Application is received by the Planning Department at Local Authority.

The application has been checked to ensure all the necessary documents are uploaded.

The Local Authority will inform relevant parties of the application and invite views.

This can include: writing to locals, and liaising with Statutory bodies.

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Some applications might not be decided solely by the Planning Officer and will be referred to Planning and Committee

The Planning Department issues a Decision Notice informing the Applicant of the outcome of the application.

The decision is published on the Local Authority website.

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What Happens Next

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Once planning permission is **granted Insha'Allah**, the next stages will include:

- Preparing **detailed construction plans**
- Temporary **relocation** arrangements
- **Demolition** of the **existing** building
- **Construction** of the new Al-Hidayah Centre



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Why this project matters

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This project will:

- Secure the **long-term** future of the masjid
- Provide much-needed **community facilities**
- Support **youth, education and social** services
- Deliver **sustainable income** to fund community programmes
- Create a **landmark community** hub in Acton

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Thank You

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We thank our community for:

- Your continued **support**
- Your **duas and encouragement**
- Your **patience** during the planning process

*Please continue to keep this project in your **duas this Ramadan**. Together we are building the future of our community.*

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