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RE: 042269 Parking & Parking bay changes Hall Street, Rotherham Town centre – outside Chapel Walk Mosque

Dear Mr T C Mumford

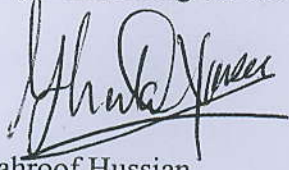
We were very surprised to learn of parking changes on Hall Street outside Chapel Walk Mosque in The Rotherham Advertiser (10 July 2009). These changes seriously impact the use of the Mosque- And we are surprised that we were not approached directly.

Never the less, we would like to make the following observations:

- (i) **The removal of the parking bay outside the main entrance of chapel walk mosque-**  
This change would materially and detrimentally affect the mosque and its users. The parking bay is actively used by the elderly, disabled, parents picking up and dropping off children, by the resident imams, visitors to the mosque. During funeral prayers it is used to take bodies into and out of the mosque. Without doubt the removal of the parking bay from its current position would massively inconvenience the community using the mosque facility. Moreover, the current parking bay took many years of negotiation with senior council officials and councillors. To have it removed would be a travesty of justice- causing massive inconvenience to the community using the mosque facility.
- (ii) The new proposed site is not convenient for the users of the community who regularly and actively use the facilities at chapel walk mosque.
- (iii) Disabled people would be put in danger and inconvenienced by the new proposed parking bay on the opposite side of the road to the mosque.
- (iv) All visitors would be put in danger and inconvenienced by these changes.
- (v) Children actively use the facilities at the chapel walk mosque everyday 365 days a year. They would be put in danger by moving the parking bay across rather than right opposite the main gate of the mosque.

I hope after carefully considering the above points you will abandon the proposed changes.  
Yours faithfully

Ghulam Yasseen



CC Councillor Mahroof Hussian  
CC Councillor Jahangir Akhtar  
CC Mayor Shaukat Ali