



**THE KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI
MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

AL-QAAEM PROJECT

OUR VISION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

PRELIMINARY CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

**BY THE AL-QAAEM TEAM
18 APRIL 2008**

THE KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF PETERBOROUGH

AL-QAAEM PROJECT

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THE KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF PETERBOROUGH

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Muslim Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Community of Peterborough has its foundation in the families who settled in Peterborough after being expelled from Uganda in the early 1970s. This at first tiny community held regular gatherings and soon began to expand until in 1978 the first purpose-built mosque in the West for the Khoja Shia Community was built at Burton Street in Peterborough. This in turn led to a further increase in our community as more and more families from Khoja communities originally based in East Africa made Peterborough their new home.

From these seeds has sprung the thriving Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Community of Peterborough of today. The community now numbers some 240 families and is still growing. In 1989 we commenced the building of the Hussein extension to the mosque to provide facilities including the gentlemen's' Ghul Khana, extension to the Imambargah, 12 Madressa classrooms, a playgroup, library, and activity group for youths.

We hold a wide range of religious observances and other activities, and, as a result, despite the building of the Hussein extension, we are once again running out of space. This is especially apparent on days of our main religious festivals. Whilst our membership is faithful and law-abiding, we were hampered by the lack of space in providing the teaching and other activities that we feel are essential to maintain a sense of community identity in a multi-cultural society, particularly among our young members. We feel it is very important to be able to offer our young people a safe and community-based environment for their activities, and moreover to lead them by example.

It was therefore by great good fortune that we secured the opportunity of acquiring a site which adjoins the existing mosque extension at the rear, although this was already earmarked for a building development. It is the only site of any size that immediately adjoins the mosque and by the grace of Allah (SWT) the community were able to secure the purchase.

Both the acquisition and the future planning and construction has been and will be entered into only after full consultation with our community. It is essential that a project of this size should have the overall support of the community it serves, although there will inevitably be some divergence of opinion over detail. Following on from the need analysis in which the whole community was invited to participate, we have now held the all-important workshop to establish and prioritise the needs and requirements. This has produced a valuable insight into the views of the community which has been incorporated into our Project Plan (see page 6 to 6.7).

This is a long term project which will see our community expand and grow in future generations. We will also consider the needs of our current members and plans include the possibility of some further accommodation on the new site, for the elderly.

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PROJECT COMMITTEE

A Project Committee has been formed with the approval of the Management Committee, drawn from the membership of the community. The current Project Committee is as follows:

1. Salim Raza Ebrahim
Unanimously elected as Project Leader, Salim Ebrahim brings financial expertise. He is a Trustee and liaises with the Management Committee and with the Ladies' Section.
2. Nazir Virji
A past President, Nazir Virji is well-versed in the needs of the Community. He has experience of building projects.
3. Mohamed Rafiq Hansraj
A member of the Management Committee. He is the Project Treasurer and liaises with the main Treasurer.
4. Sajjad Panjwani
As an architect and a structural engineer, he is the internal architect for the project, and has served as a past Jamaat Secretary.
5. Azmat Mavani
Also a Trustee, Azmat Mavani will take responsibility for liaison with Youth and for fund-raising.

The Project Committee meets regularly on Tuesday evenings (which is open to all members) to assess progress and devise the strategies for moving forward the project. Each individual member will report on activity assigned to him. The Committee however jointly assumes overall responsibility for the project and for reporting regularly to the Management Committee of the community and therefore to the Community itself.



Husaini Islamic Centre

Muslim Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community
4 Burton Street Peterborough PE1 5HD

Charity Registered in UK No 273130

The President
The Council of European Jamaats
26 Estreham Road
London
SW16 5PQ

1st June 2007

Dear Brother Munawer Ratansi

Assalaam allaikum

AL-QAAEM PROJECT

This letter is confirmation that the Peterborough Jamaat have formally approved the above project, namely the purchase of the site, by resolution passed at an ordinary general meeting as follows:-

'At an ordinary general meeting of the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Community of Peterborough held on Thursday 24 May 2007 at the Hussaini Islamic Centre 2 Burton Street Peterborough, the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote by those members of the Community who were present:

That the Community shall proceed to enter into a contract for the purchase of the site in Star Mews Peterborough adjoining the Burton Street site to the rear and develop the same.

I shall be obliged if you could please liase with brother Salim Ebrahim regarding this project.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you and your team for your support of this project.

Salaams and dua's

Mohamed Nanji
President

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President: Mohamed Nanji

Secretary: Shabirali Esmail

Member of The Council of European Jamaats
AND

Member of the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri communities

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CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Throughout all the stages of the project, the Project Team has involved the general membership and will continue to do so. This is in addition to the constitutional requirement to obtain approval in general meeting.

The forms that the consultation has taken include:

- The regular Tuesday meetings
- Liaison with community members and ladies
- Open day
- The distribution of a questionnaire to form the basis of the Need Analysis
- A workshop to refine and prioritise the defined needs
- A suggestion box for both ladies and gentlemen
- An interactive website
- Newsletters
- Special presentation to Madressa teachers and students

Members of the Project Team make themselves freely available to answer questions and any comments or concerns are fed back to the Team meetings.



AL-QAAEM PROJECT
Our vision for future generations
NEWSLETTER
Dhul Hijjah 1428 / January 2008



Our first newsletter gives you an overview of progress so far, since the project started.

Overall Aims

The purchase of the site was completed at the end of June 2007, utilising the funding raised and without heavy reliance on commercial loans. Our aim, as you know, is to look to the future for the whole community, focussing on the younger generation, whilst at the same time remembering the needs of our elderly. Our vision is to create a centre to serve the needs of our community over the next 50 years, providing the environment and facilities to sustain the faith of our members.

Priorities and Needs Analysis

We had an open day on the 1st December 2007 so that everyone could view the site, the details of which are overleaf. We want to involve the whole community in the planning stages and have received some feedback from you, detailing what **you** see as the most immediate needs. Based upon the initial feedback, we are reviewing the priorities and an updated Needs Analysis Questionnaire is attached. There is still an opportunity to give us your views by returning the questionnaire by 20 January 2008.

Financial Update

In the meantime, most of the necessary remedial work to the site has been carried out and the site is partially rented out to provide income for the ongoing project in the region of £12,000 per annum for the coming twelve months. The rental is on a short-term basis enabling us to regain possession quickly as and when any development is approved.

The key to the success of our project is continued funding. We are in the process of putting together our capital project bid to the World Federation in order to obtain permission to collect Khums money, which we trust, by the grace of Allah (swt), will be successful. We take the opportunity of thanking all who have supported the project already, whether this be financial or otherwise. As we approach the month of Muharram, we urge you to continue your support and we draw your attention to the graph of funding progress included in this newsletter and the form for one off donations, monthly standing order payments and gift aid declaration attached. **The on-line donation facility on the website is now available.**

Continuing consultation

The project website, www.al-qaaem.co.uk, will show you many more details about the project and you can also let us have feedback by the email link. The Project Team look forward to further discussions with you at the structured workshop to be arranged. You are also welcome at the regular open evening meetings held on Tuesdays, and we hope to keep you updated with regular newsletters. We have also provided suggestions boxes in the ladies' and gents' Imambargah. **This is your centre, help us to help you, provide for the future**, by the grace of Allah (swt), a centre worthy to carry our thriving community forward well into the 21st century, sustaining our faith and fulfilling our needs.

OPEN DAY 1 DECEMBER 2007

An Open Day was held on Saturday 1 December 2007 to allow everyone a chance to inspect the new Al-Qaaem site and to ask questions to the Project Team.

We were greatly encouraged by the interest shown by members. The impression we gained was that everyone was pleased with the progress made and the plans for the future.

We would like to thank everyone for their input and for the feedback that we have received via the needs analysis questionnaires that have been returned to us. This will enable the Project Team to take into account the views of the Community as a whole in identifying the priorities and creating the master plan to cover the next fifty years. There is still an opportunity to give us your views by returning the questionnaire by 20 January 2008.

Here is a selection of the comments we have received:



"We are lucky to have bought this site"

"I did not realise how big this site was"

"I was surprised by how close it is to our centre"



"Where are the refreshments?"

"We have got everything we need for the future"



"It's a large 4 bedroom house"

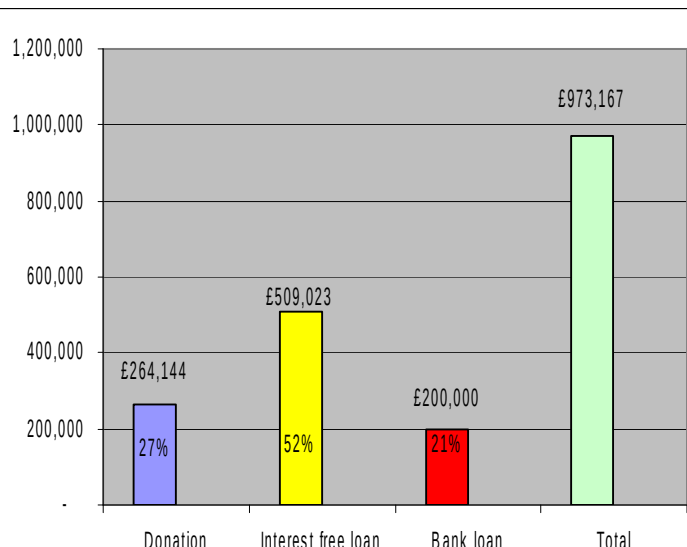
Expenses to 31/12/2007

Purchase of Site	£911,000
Site Clearance, Security and Services	£13,000
White House renovation	£6,000

The future maintenance of the site should be covered by the rental income

Actual Estimate

Funds received to 31/12/2007



Online Donation :-
Please visit our website
www.al-qaaem.co.uk

Doller Account Details :-
The MKSI Community of Peterborough
Account Number: 47030377 Sort Code: 20-67-37
IBAN Account No: GB 85 BARC 20 67 37 47030377
Swift Code: BARC GB 22

DONOR DETAILS

Please complete this form and send it to us at:
Husaini Islamic Centre, The Al-QAAEM PROJECT,
4 Burton Street, Peterborough PE1 5HD

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email:

Donation Amount: £

Single Donation / Monthly /Quarterly/Annually
(please delete as appropriate and
Complete Bankers Order Form



GIFT AID DECLARATION

Tick here to increase the value of your donation and any donations made after 6 April 2007 and all future donations by 28% through Gift Aid. For every pound you donate we can get an extra 28p from the inland revenue. To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim on your donation in the tax year. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.

Please inform us if you cease to be a UK taxpayer at any time after making the donation.

Signature :

Date:

INTEREST-FREE LOAN

Loan Amount: £

Please note that repayment will be on a Schedule to be agreed.

BANKERS ORDER FORM:

Bank/Building Society

Branch Address:

Post Code:

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Account Number:

Account Holder's Name:

I request you to pay
The MKSI Community of Peterborough
(Al-Qaaem Project)
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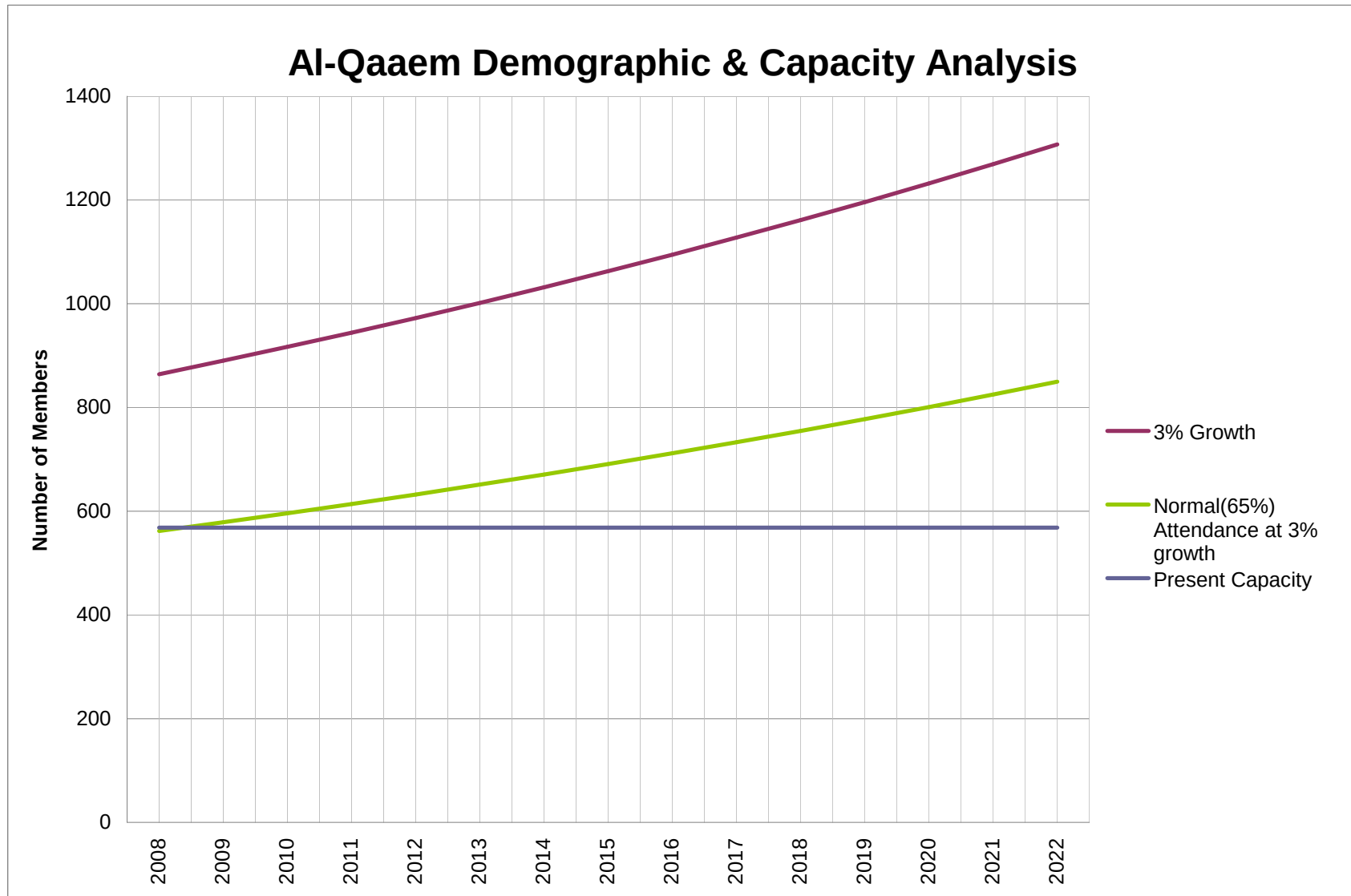
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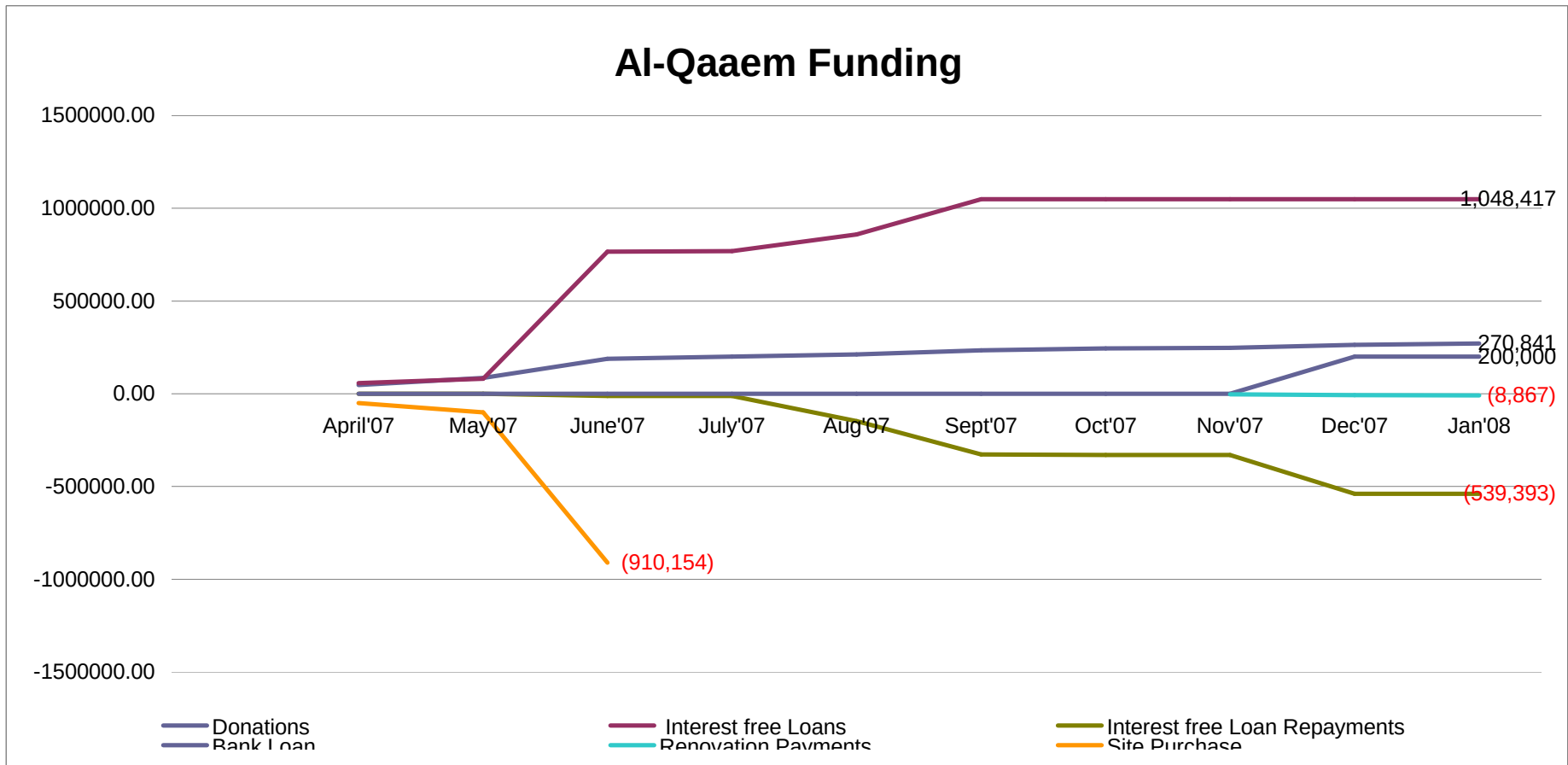
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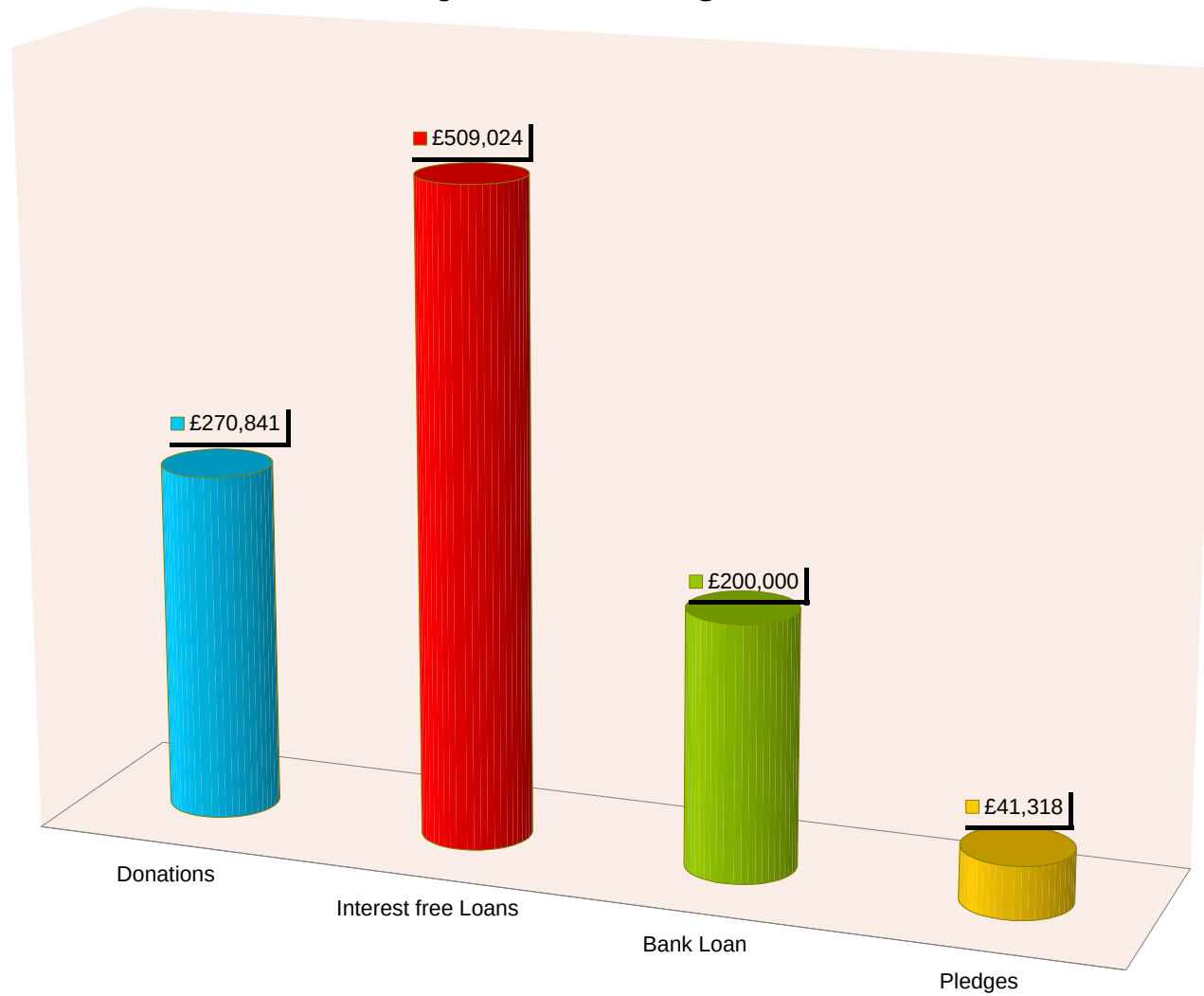
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Al-Qaaem Funding - Jan'08



Al-Qaaem Project Consultation Workshop Report 10th February 2008

Independent report by Sarfraz Jeraj, Facilitator from CoEJ

Introduction

This facilitated event was a continuation of a series of consultations that the Al-Qaaem Project Committee has undertaken with Peterborough's Jamaat members. This event followed the summary findings of the Needs Analysis questionnaire that was distributed, and the Open Day in which members were invited to view the land purchased and share discussions about how this may be used. This event was extensively advertised to all members by email and several announcements. The attendance on the day was oversubscribed.

After Tilawat of Quran, the expectation for the workshop agreed with the members who attended was:

“Make a list of what to do with the Al-Qaaem Project in order of priority”

The workshop was facilitated by an independent facilitator in order to achieve a neutral chairing of the meeting, not influenced or biased by any individual or group perspective or motives. Independent facilitation also allowed the management of any conflict, promotion of ownership and ideas, and most importantly, that all voices in the community could be heard.

Visions for the future of the community

An exercise was conducted in which the workshop attendees were asked to draw and explain to the group what their visions for the future of the Jamaat and community of Peterborough were. The themes that emerged from the visions of all the groups are given below:

- *A leading community:*
A vision of inviting others to our community and religion, and being an example to other communities.
- *Attractive and technological environment:*
A vision of having a centre that is attractive and technologically equipped for members and for propagation of Islam. Establishing respect for the building and environment.
- *Unity, relationships and leadership:*
A vision of having facilities that can bring together family, children, grandparents and parents and promote the relationships between them. Develop youth relationships with the elderly and promotion of youth leadership.
- *Financial stability:*
A vision of a community that has income generation sufficient to sustain its functioning and ready to support future projects.
- *A multipurpose centre of activity:*
A vision of a centre that accommodates prayers, education, sports, social activity, care of the elderly, storage, health, and support counselling.

- *Education:*
A vision for an educated community and bright prospects for youths including facilities for a madressa to meet the demands of the community, a primary school, a library and networking space with people in government, our community professionals and role models.
- *Sports:*
A vision of a healthy and active community with sports facilities, engaging the youth and bringing families to participate together.

This exercise demonstrated the realism, ambition and wealth of ideas that exist within the community. It was particularly notable that so many of the group's visions connected with each other.

Turning visions into reality

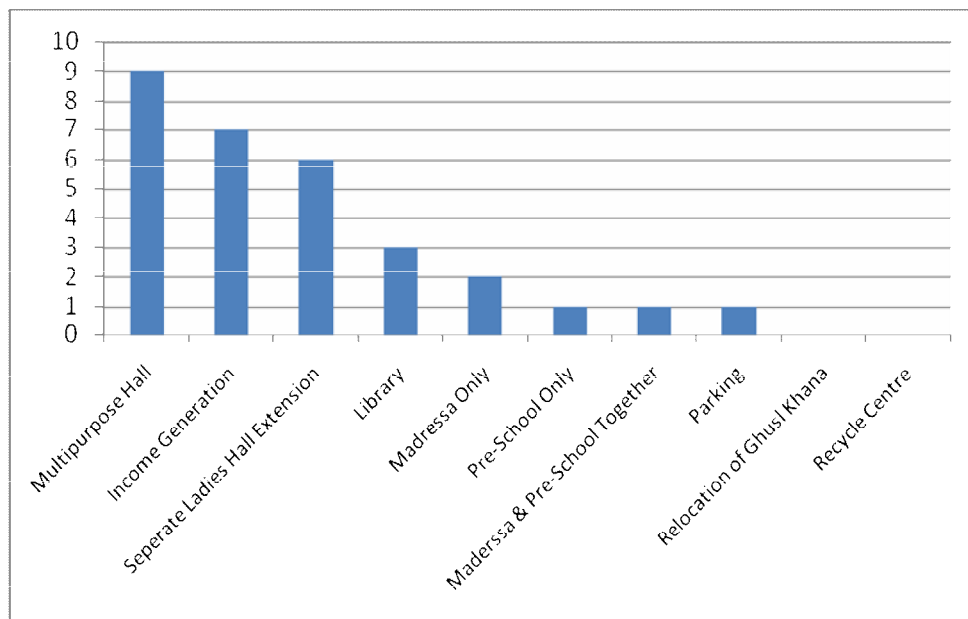
The groups were asked to discuss how the Al-Qaaem project could be used to help them to achieve the visions they had stated. Each group was asked to generate three ideas of how the Al-Qaaem project could be used to realise the visions we had discussed earlier and to present these to the other groups. With six groups presenting, we had 18 specific ideas presented for what to do next with the Al-Qaaem project. Many of these ideas were similar although there were some crucial differences and an open discussion with the delegates of the meeting was held to ensure that all views were accurately represented. This was a very collaborative process and demonstrated how all the community can be heard and work together effectively.

The group helped the facilitator to establish what the key similarities and differences were between the ideas for turning visions into reality. Many of the ideas were merged and captured under key headings. These heading were used to help the attendees to prioritise what steps need to be taken next with the Al-Qaaem project. These headings were as follows:

- a) Building a multipurpose hall with primary use for Azadari and other additional uses.
- b) Building an extension to the current ladies hall.
- c) Building projects that will generate income.
- d) Building space to accommodate a pre-school.
- e) Building additional space to increase the capacity of the madressa.
- f) Building space to accommodate a library.
- g) Building a recycling facility.
- h) Building a space to relocate the current ghusl khana.
- i) Building facilities to increase car-parking capacity.

Voting on what to do in order of priority

Voting was conducted for which of the project ideas established in the previous exercise should be implemented in order of priority. The system of voting required the groups to discuss among themselves what they thought were the priorities and to cast their vote in a weighted manner. Each group was given five votes and was permitted to distribute the votes across different headings according to how important the group considered the headings to be. This meant they might use all of the votes on one heading or give one vote each to five separate headings. Each group came to the front of the hall to cast their votes in a transparent process. The results of the voting set out the Al-Qaaem project priorities as listed below:



The voting provided a list of priorities with the building of a multi-purpose hall as the main priority. It was widely discussed that the primary use of this hall would be to accommodate the continuation of Azadari programmes and the dissemination of Islamic knowledge. This hall could be used for the various other functions outlined in previous exercises in addition to the primary use cited. Income generation was voted as the next most important priority among the workshop attendees. It was agreed that details of how income may be generated (i.e. through the building of flats or other commercial projects) was beyond the scope of the current workshop. The third most important priority was the extension of the ladies hall which was considered a separate project to that of building a multi-purpose hall.

It was agreed that details with regard to construction plans, costing and other specifics for the ideas that had been prioritised would be researched and proposed by the Al-Qaaem Project Committee to the Jamaat as the next step in the process.

Part of the planned agenda, which I set for the workshop included dissemination of the results obtained from the Needs Analysis Questionnaires. The attached appendices show the graphical results from the needs analysis showing the least important aims of members polled (Appendix 1) and the most important aims (Appendix 2) and a list of the other requirements that also emerged from this exercise (Appendix 3) can be found in the appendices.

Evaluation & Conclusion

The workshop achieved what it set out to achieve. Some delegates felt that the groups were sometimes too large. Some delegates also felt that the voting system was not the fairest way to represent all views. The decision to group delegates into particular sizes and to use a particular voting system was made based on the time and facilities available and on previous experience. It was acknowledged that the methods used were not perfect but attempted to make the best use of the time and human resources available. The vast majority of the feedback was positive and highlighted the value of this process in getting the community to work together, getting more voices heard, and making the decision making process more democratic and transparent.

With prayers for the continued progress of the Peterborough Community,

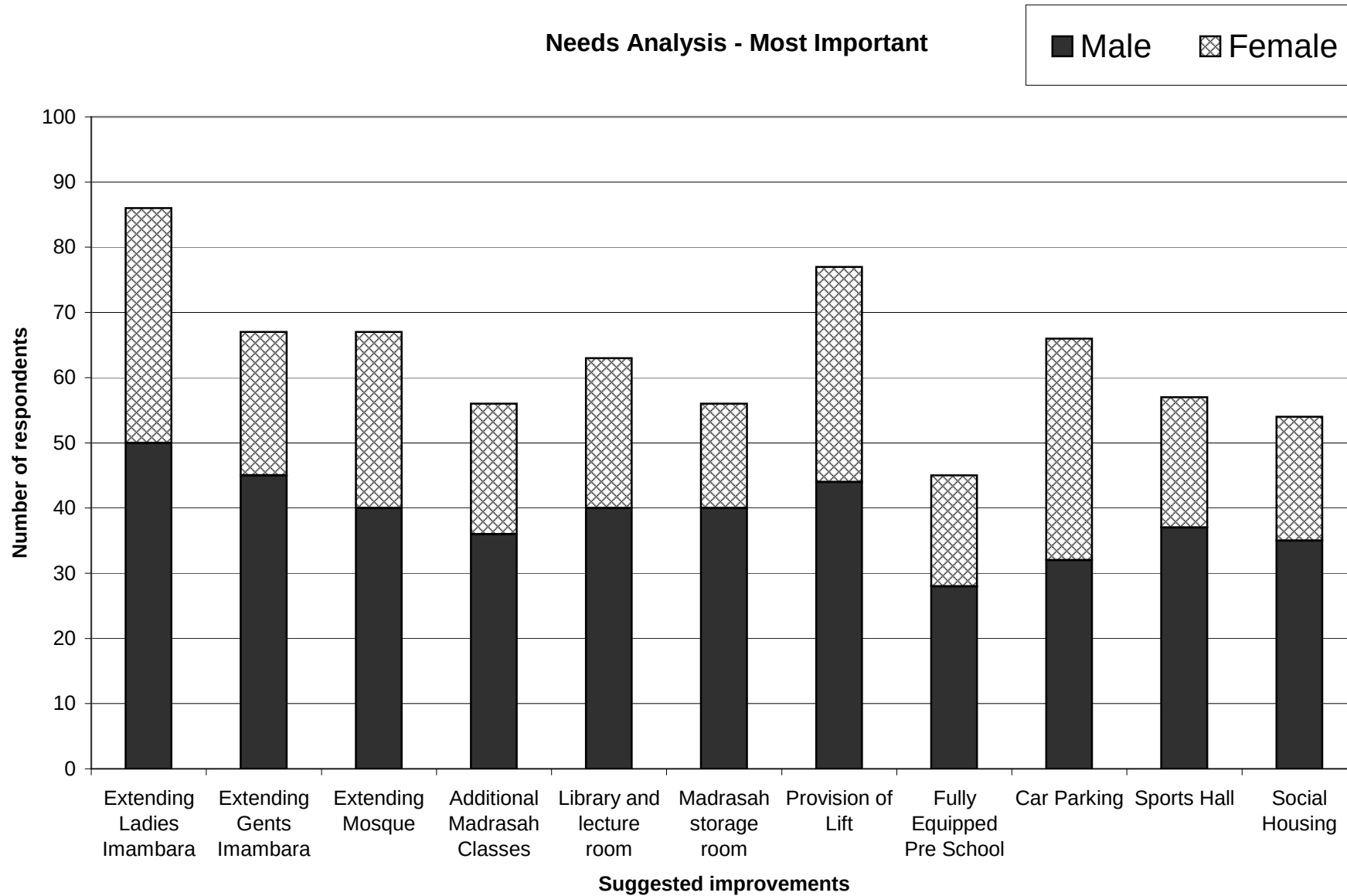
Sarfraz Jeraj, Facilitator, Council of European Jamaats

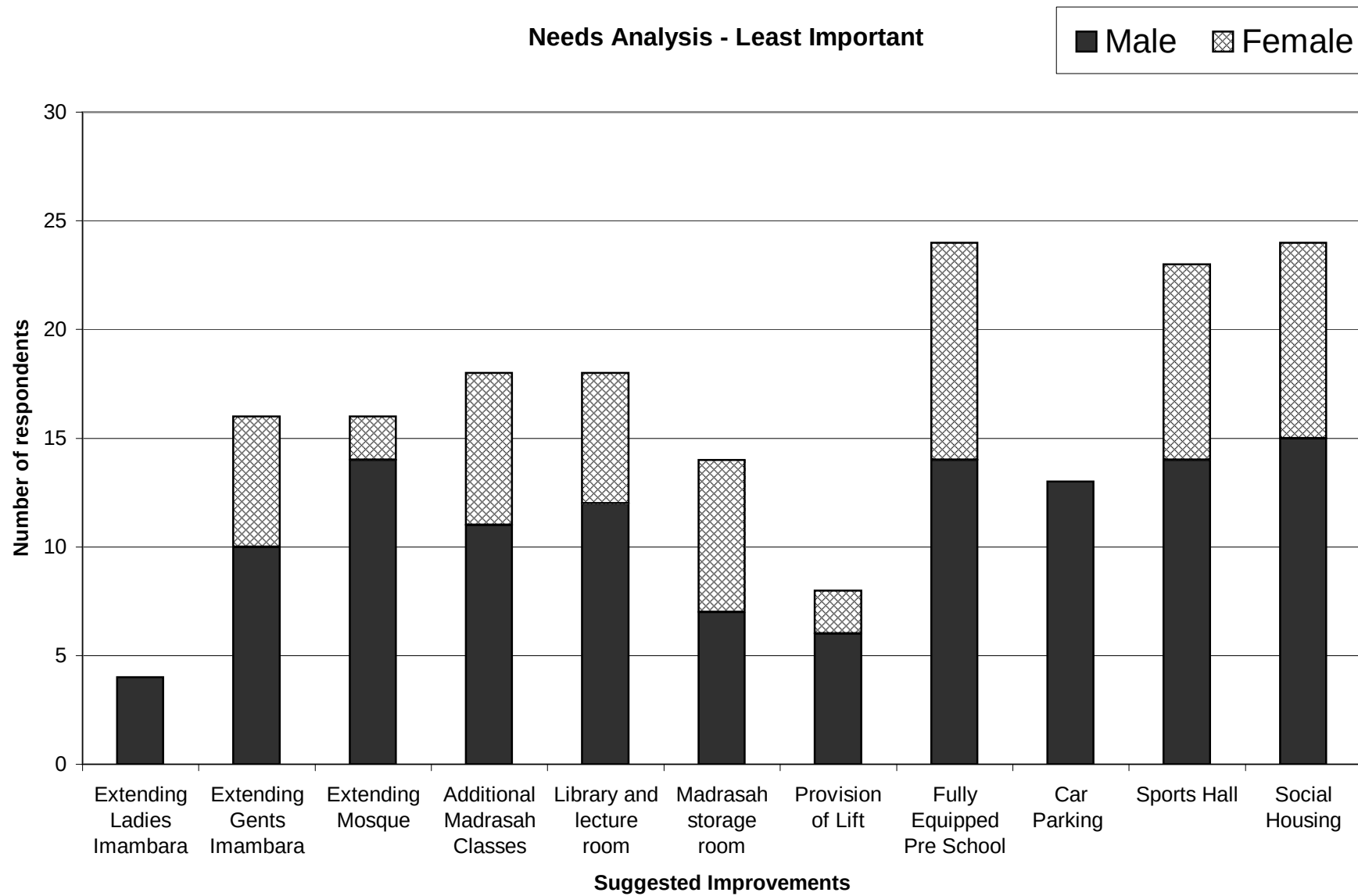
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Appendix 3

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Open Day Centre for promoting Islam
2. Caretaker
3. Modern and fully equipped Kitchen and toilets
4. Fully equipped baby room with TV / Sound proof / with toys, microwaves and sleeping areas for small kids
5. Adequate Windows & Fire Exits
6. Better seating for the elderly
7. Madrasah classes equipped with interactive boards
8. Office for Education Committee
9. Office for Husaini Youth
10. Class for school visitors with artifacts laid out
11. Separate Zaree room
12. More toilets
13. A community centre for social gatherings differentiating religious and social life
14. Swimming Pool / with diving board
15. Games Consoles
16. Bigger Centre all around
17. Have facilities for younger generation
18. Multi-purpose Hall / Sports Hall
19. Extend gents to a minimal and use this space to build flats and generate income
20. Presidents room – with CCTV
21. Commercial Property to generate income
22. Jamaat / Secretary office
23. To accommodate ladies to pray jamaat & Eid Namaaz
24. Storage room for kafan, alam clothes etc
25. Warden assisted care home for the elderly
26. Hall hiring for income generation
27. Committee / Meeting room
28. In Madrasah have for children some snacks ready
29. Air Conditioning
30. Updated Wudhu areas / separate from toilets
31. Proper shoe storage
32. Ceiling fans
33. Ladies bigger entrance
34. Separate switches for lights
35. Shower facilities for Sports
36. Separate kitchen for ladies and gents
37. Separate room / area for senior citizen gatherings
38. Coat Hooks
39. Comfortable seating area for the elderly
40. Updated technology e.g sound and projection





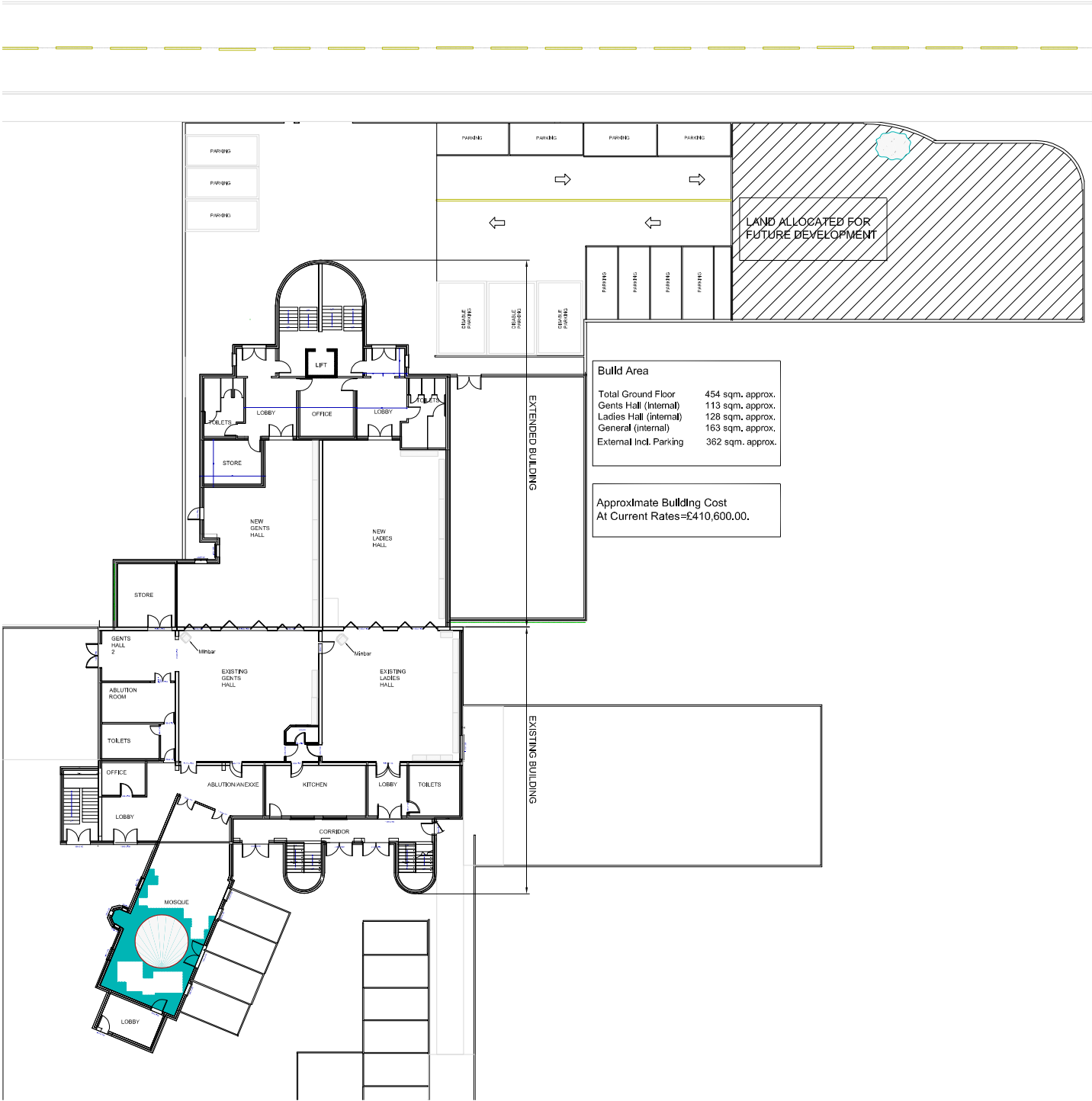
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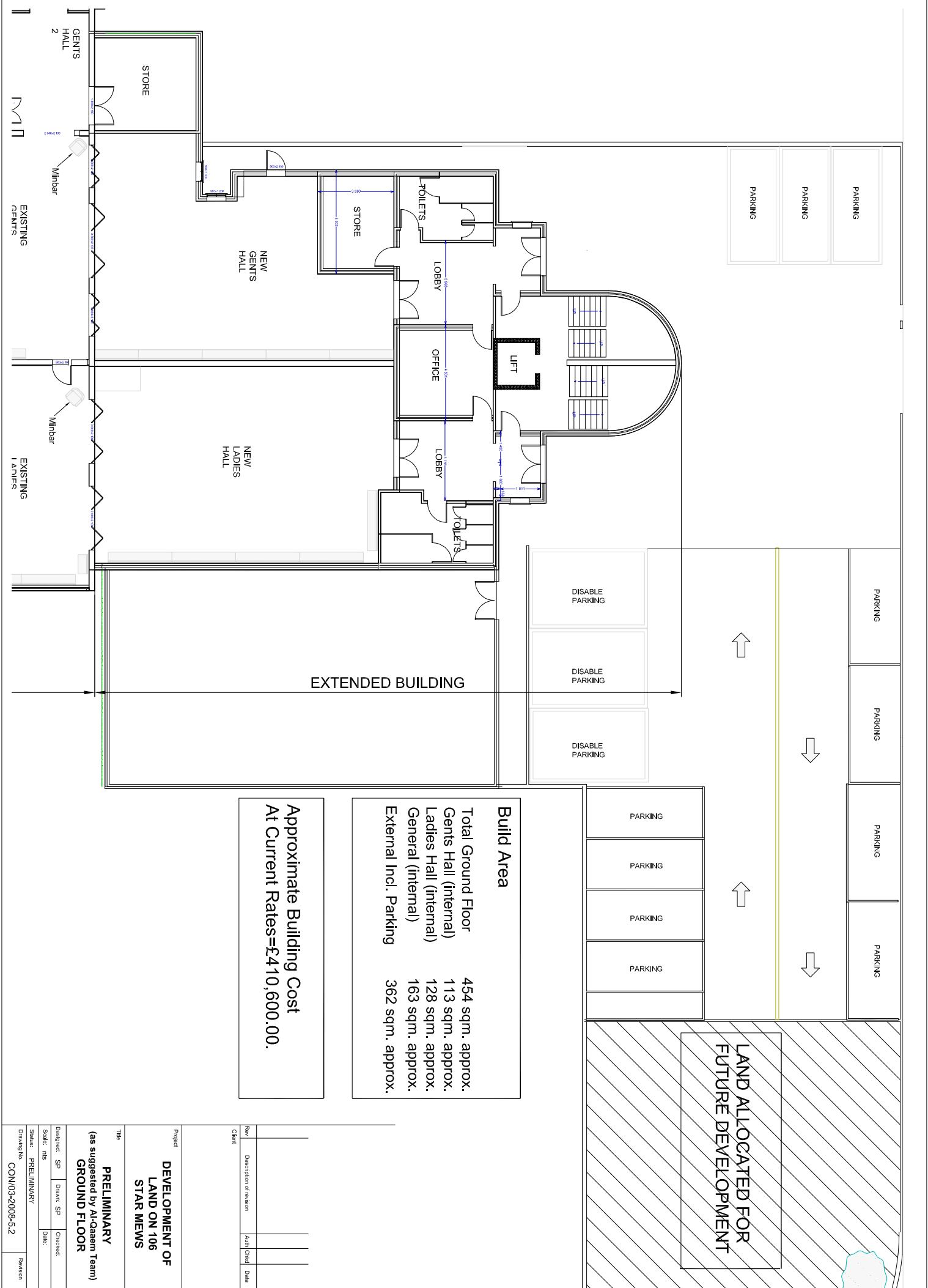
PROJECT PLAN AND SITE PLANS

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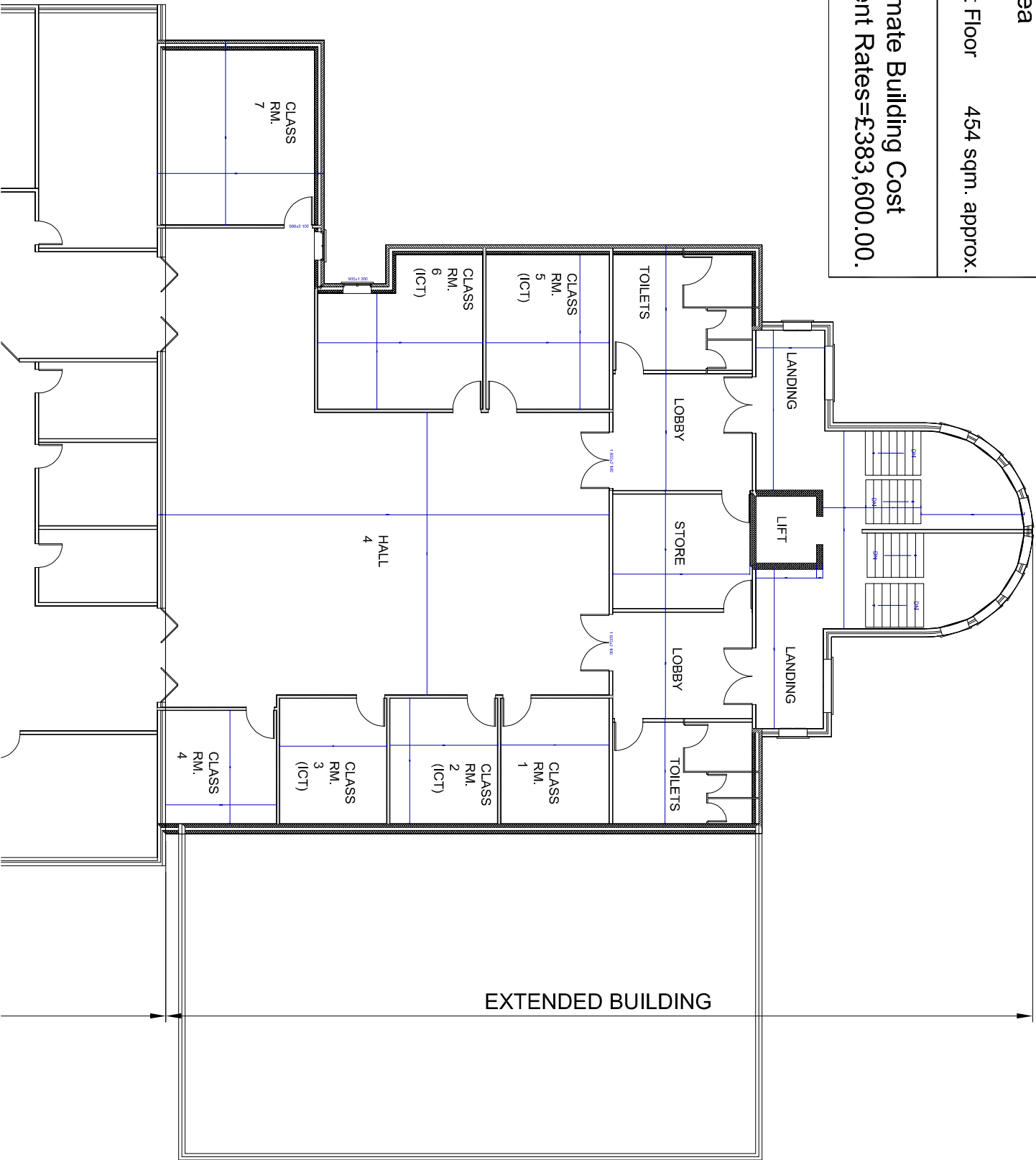
Preliminary plans for the ground floor and the first floor have been drawn up, together with visual representations which are attached herewith, consisting of six pages.



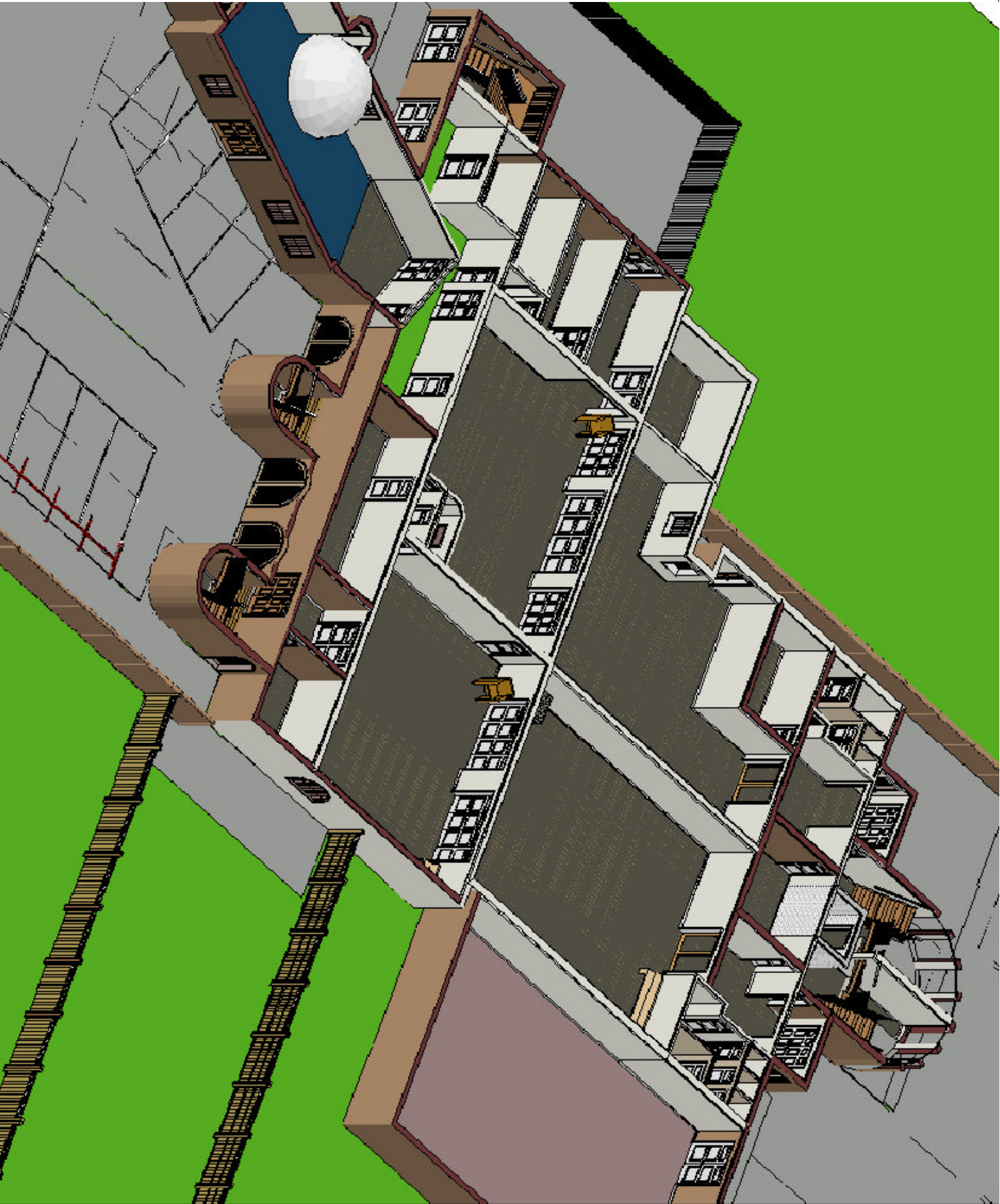
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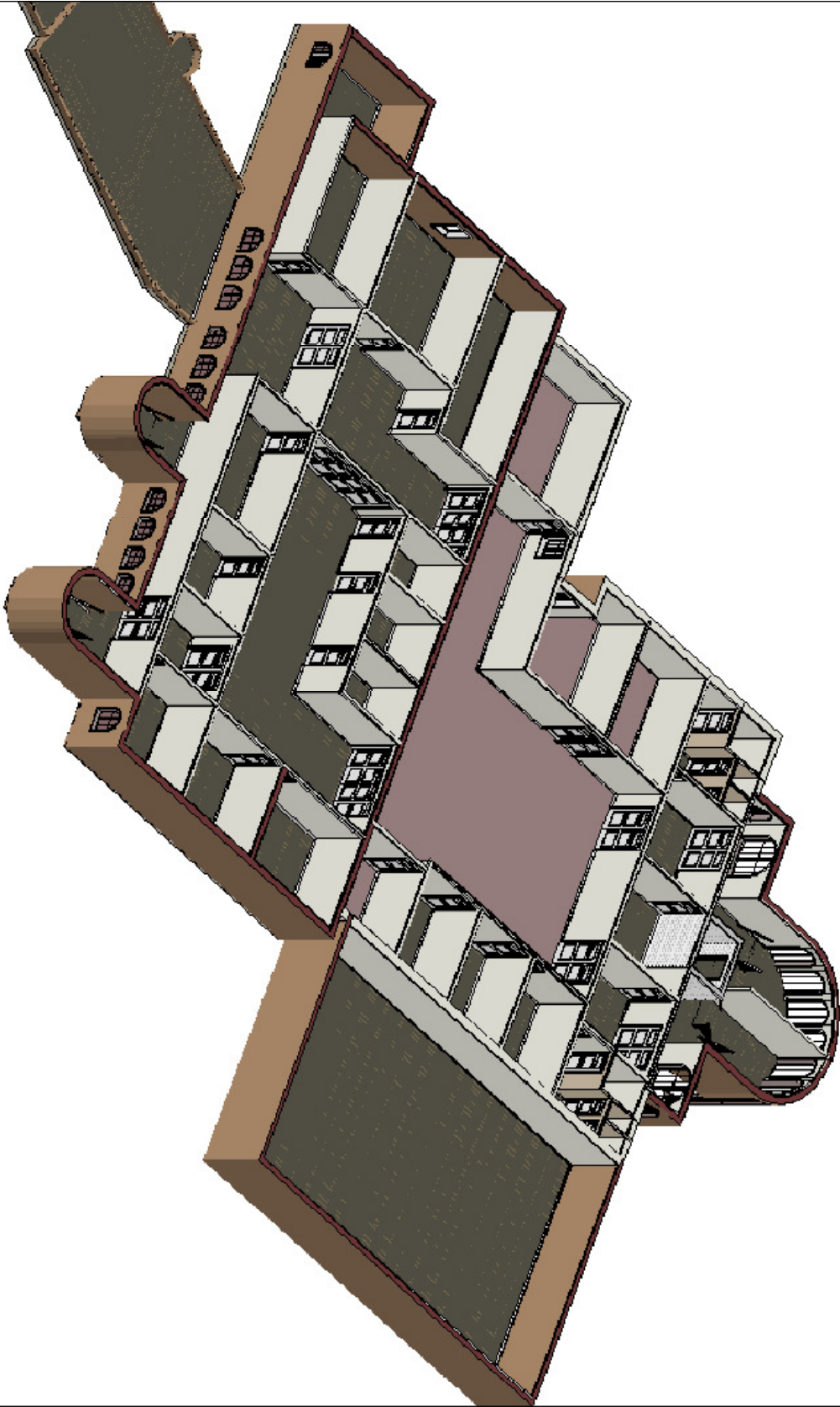
Build Area	
Total First Floor	454 sqm. approx.
Approximate Building Cost At Current Rates=£383,600.00.	



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WORK SCHEDULE AND COSTINGS

The following are the Key Schedule and Financial Requirements for the completion of the Project:

June 2007 – March 2008

- acquisition and security of site
- refurbishment of house (White House)
- letting of part of warehouse

April 2008 – March 2009

- drawing of preliminary report and revision
- submit preliminary plans to all the members
- consultation with COEJ and World Federation
- fund-raising (after consent of World Federation)
- Feed from general members on plans
- engaging professional advisers
- obtaining planning consent
- costing and putting out to tender
- final report to and obtaining approval in general meeting
- securing construction of contract.

July 2009 – January 2012

- construction of the building works as identified
- Project management.
- Handover
- Completion

SUMMARY COST SCHEDULE ATTACHED ON PAGE 7.2

TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET COST £2,100,000
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Sajjad Panjwani AMI Struct E Architectural & Engineering 21 Spinney Walk, Longthorpe, Peterborough, PE3 9NR							
AL-QAAEM PROJECT							
Feasibility Cost							
Site: Extension of Husaini Islamic Centre, 4 Burton Street/106 Star Mews, Peterborough							
Item Ref.	WORKS	QUANT/AREA LINEAR SQ METER		Cost	ESTIMATED TOTAL		
1	Land						
a.	Total Area		1876 sq.m.	935,000			
b.	Land reserved for future development		569 sq.m.	283,000			
	Net Developable Area		1307 sq.m.			652,000	
2	Demolition and site clearance					30,000	
3	Build Cost						
a.	Ground and First Floor		908 sq.m	794,000			
b.	Provision of Lift			55,000			
c.	Connection to existing building & upgrade			50,000			
d.	Construction of carpark and drive ways.			35,000			
e.	Drainage			20,000			
f.	Road ducts for services			5,000			
						959,000	
5	Services						
	Water,Electric,Gas& BT					15,000	
6	External Works						
	Walls and Fences					22,000	
7	Professional & Legal Fees						
a.	Planning			7,000			
b.	Building Regulations			8,000			
c.	Architect			25,000			
d.	Engineer			20,000			
e.	Legal/completions			7,000			
f.	Supervision			50,000			
						117,000	
	Total Cost of Works					1,795,000	
	Contingency & Inflation @ 17% (3 year period)					305,000	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET COST					2,100,000	

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FUND-RAISING

The Project has been based on consultation with the community. From the initial approval for site purchase we have established and prioritised through the Needs Analysis and the Workshop. Armed with this information we have been able to arrive at the budget of £2,100,000.

Our local community members, including their families and friends from the wider community, have contributed generously with donations and pledges. The donations collected to date stands in at about £275,000. A commercial loan facility has also been arranged which is intended to overcome any peaks and troughs in expenditure. It is hoped however to keep reliance on this to a minimum.

Now that the preliminary plans have been drawn up, we will be distributing a plan to each member of the Peterborough community and intend to follow this up with personal door-to-door visits. In addition we have already presented the project to two other Jamaats, and the feedback has been positive. We will also be following this with individual approaches.

We await consent from the World Federation of Jamaats (which we hope to receive in June 2008) and will then commence fund-raising with goal of raising the further £1,825,000 over the next two years. Our current Fund-raising Programme targets both the local community and the worldwide community as set out below:

LOCAL UK & EUROPEAN COMMUNITY	£	£
KSI Muslim Community of Peterborough	370,000	
Hujjat Imambra KSIMC of London	300,000	
Hyderi Imambra South London Jamaat	175,000	
KSIMC of Birmingham	50,000	
Remaining European Jamaats	55,000	
Husseini Mosque Muslim KSI Community Leicester	15,000	
		965,000

WORLD WIDE COMMUNITY		
Africa	530,000	
Middle East	150,000	
North America & Canada	150,000	
Pakistan & India and Rest of the World	30,000	
		860,000
TOTAL TARGET TO RAISE		1,825,000

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Project Team put forward their commitment to this project as community members.

We are very conscious of the obligation to spend this money wisely, because it is money that belongs to the community globally and because it is money that has been dedicated for the purposes of Allah (SWT). For these reasons, the funds are regarded as even more valuable than the individual's own money.

The project is currently designed to meet the needs of the Peterborough community for at least the next 25 years. So we are laying down foundations for the projected future. For instance, in the 12 months up to February 2008 the community gained 15 new members. The increase in membership is also reflected in the highest-ever level of student enrolment in the Madressa for the academic year 2007/08.

An examination of the figures will show that, compared with other similar projects, the cost per capita (working on the present level of membership) is surprisingly modest. The Project Team therefore feels that this project is extremely viable from the economic standpoint. Moreover, what objective could be more worthy of consideration than to secure the future for the community in terms of facilities for worship and for fellowship, to foster the young, to assist the elderly and to sustain the Shia faith in our community for generations to come?

Please visit our interactive website at www.al-qaaem.co.uk for further details.

Al-Qaaem Project Team
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