

Central Mosque Wembley Donation Appeal

Verily those who give charity, be they men
or women, and give Allah a Qurz-e-Hasna
shall be repaid after increasing it many times;
and theirs shall be a generous reward.

Al-Quran 57:18





investing in our future

The Masajid of Allah shall be visited and maintained by such as believe in Allah and the Last Day, who establish regular prayer, practice regular charity, and fear none except Allah. It is they who are expected to follow true guidance.

Al-Qur'an 9:17-18

The last 10 years have seen a dramatic shift in the composition, outlook and size of the resident British Muslim community, which today numbers 1.8 million. The ever changing and challenging environment has distinctly confirmed the importance of the Masjid as a centre of communal life. And the multi-racial and harmonious blend of cultures, traditions and age-groups amongst us is no more evident than in the heart of Wembley town.

Having served the local community for the last 20 years, the Muslim Welfare Association and Wembley Mosque has played a pivotal role in providing religious, social and educational facilities for the local Muslim populace.

Due to considerable constraints in space and capacity, the administration is embarking on an exceptional re-development project, which will Insha'Allah establish a large, modernised and resourceful Masjid. This symbol of unity and cooperation will benefit our children and act as an interchange of understanding with the wider local community for generations to come.





historic timeline of your mosque

The Wembley Muslim Welfare Association (MWA) was initiated by the elders of our community in the early 1980s, who shared a concern and commitment for the spiritual and educative needs of local Muslims. Like most Masjid histories, the Wembley Mosque had a modest beginning, with the MWA purchasing its first site on Harrowdene Road in 1985. This 3-storey semi-detached house with space for 400 worshippers soon became overwhelmed by the growing community, yet faithfully served as a Masjid for the following 8 years.

The building was purchased for £380,000, half of which was raised through the sale of Harrowdene Road and the other half from the generous interest-free loans of Muslim brothers and sisters. All these Qurz-e-Hasna were duly paid back over the following 8 years.

The old church was built in 1904 to the design of Thomas Colcutt and Stanley Hemp, in a style strongly influenced by the arts and crafts genre. Prior to the building being purchased by the MWA, it had been vacant for a considerable period of time, nearly 15 years, and was gravely neglected and not suitable for occupation. The MWA set about trying to restore the building with some urgency, in order that it could be used by the local community. The building was listed Grade II on the 4th of November 1993, shortly after being purchased by the MWA, and is therefore subject to statutory provisions governing alterations to listed buildings.

In its dilapidated condition, the Masjid trust immediately spent over £100,000 on refurbishing the new Masjid and adding necessary Islamic facilities such as ablution area, Islamic bookshop,

a basic tearoom and library. Planning permission was later granted for a single storey extension in 1996 to provide funeral facilities, as well as an office/rest room for the Imam. This was set far back in the courtyard and linked to the main building.

With the Grace of the Almighty, in September 1993 the Muslim Welfare Association purchased the former Presbyterian Church, located at 35 - 37 Ealing Road in Wembley.

Due to an unforeseen and misfortunate electrical fault, the Masjid hall adjacent to the old church building was severely damaged by fire in 2003. The tremendous sadness and loss accompanying this event was soon overtaken by a desire to rebuild and improve this important section of the Masjid. The local and regional Muslim community reacted in a typically loyal and encouraging manner, and the £500,000 rebuild cost was re-paid within 2 years. Alhamdu'lillah, this re-opened section included a brand new first floor and Imam's residence.

your masjid's current administration

Office Bearer (OB)

- ✦ Br Sheikh Rafiq-ur-Rahman
President
- ✦ Br Akbar Sarwar
Vice-Chairman
- ✦ Br Mohammad Ahrar-ul Hoda
Secretary General
- ✦ Br Munawar Vankalwala
Finance Secretary
- ✦ Br Akhtar Ali Siddiqi
Press Secretary
- ✦ Br Mohammed Ali Haider
Education Secretary
- ✦ Br Mohammad Shafi
Joint Secretary
- ✦ Br Jawed Ahmad
Building Maintenance

Executive Committee (EC)

- ✦ Br Waseem Beg
- ✦ Br Mushtaq Ahmad
- ✦ Br Kadir Navla
- ✦ Br Mohammad Aslam Quraishi
- ✦ Br Khawja Abdul Waheed
- ✦ Br Akhtar Abdul Aziz
- ✦ Br Kahawaja Abdul Maid
- ✦ Br Iftikhar Hussain Mian
- ✦ Br Kahawaja Mated

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present position of your mosque

Since its acquisition, the Masjid has been through a number of alterations and extensions to cater for the ever-increasing and encouraging Islamic resurgence occurring within our community, especially amongst our youth.

Reassuringly, the Masjid patrons have always embraced a progressive, helpful, non-sectarian and Islamicly grounded Ummah perspective on community engagement and provisions. This has meant that the Masjid attracts and equally services the needs of Muslims from a variety of backgrounds, such as from the Indian-subcontinent, Somalia, the Arab Peninsula and Africa.

Normal Friday prayers can only house some 700 worshippers inside the mosque, with a remaining 500 having to pray in the outside courtyard and pavement. This overwhelming demand is growing even though the Masjid commonly arranges 2 Jummah services. During the month of Ramadan and Islamic festivals of Eid, it has become impossible to contain the several thousand worshippers who attend the evening and morning prayers. Similarly, the sisters section which can hold up to 200 worshippers is becoming increasingly confined and is sub-standard in condition.

The above described acute space restrictions and the severe constraints imposed by the existing housing and highway authorities in a prime residential area, result in considerable inconvenience and difficulty for attendees. It has been apparent for some time that a final and complete re-development and extension of the

Masjid is required and long overdue. This would create additional facilities and extra floor space, thus enabling the Masjid to better serve

The strong influx of refugees, from these predominantly Islamic countries and the Masjid's welcoming nature, has made the Masjid a popular place of gathering and worship. However, this blessing of communal accord has meant that the Masjid complex is once again severely stretched for room.

the Muslim population of Brent, which numbered over 32,000 in the last 2001 National Census.

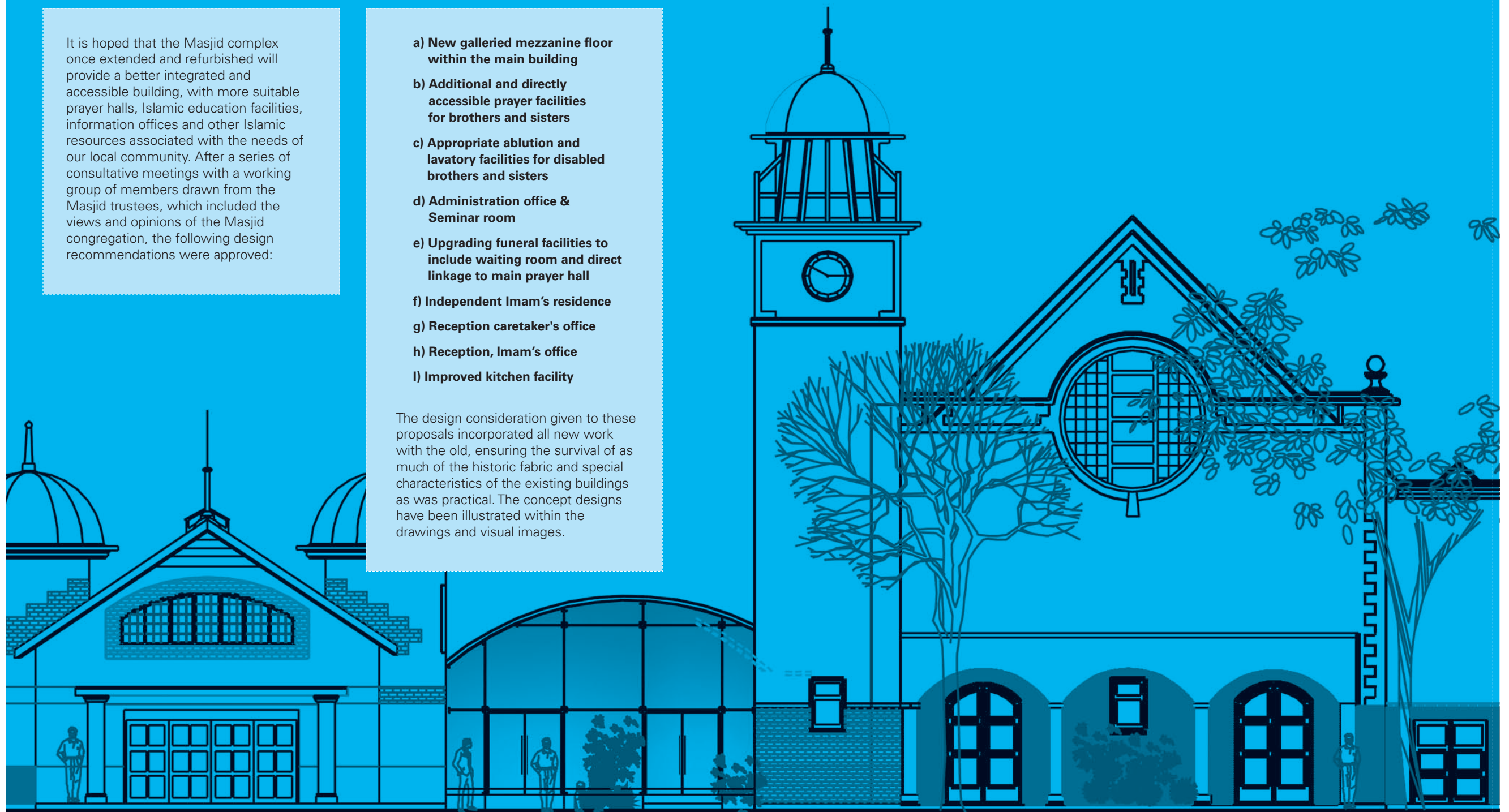


proposed re-development

It is hoped that the Masjid complex once extended and refurbished will provide a better integrated and accessible building, with more suitable prayer halls, Islamic education facilities, information offices and other Islamic resources associated with the needs of our local community. After a series of consultative meetings with a working group of members drawn from the Masjid trustees, which included the views and opinions of the Masjid congregation, the following design recommendations were approved:

- a) New galleried mezzanine floor within the main building**
- b) Additional and directly accessible prayer facilities for brothers and sisters**
- c) Appropriate ablution and lavatory facilities for disabled brothers and sisters**
- d) Administration office & Seminar room**
- e) Upgrading funeral facilities to include waiting room and direct linkage to main prayer hall**
- f) Independent Imam's residence**
- g) Reception caretaker's office**
- h) Reception, Imam's office**
- i) Improved kitchen facility**

The design consideration given to these proposals incorporated all new work with the old, ensuring the survival of as much of the historic fabric and special characteristics of the existing buildings as was practical. The concept designs have been illustrated within the drawings and visual images.



budgets, costs & timescales

Having now received planning permission for the proposed re-development, the approximate project costs have been assessed to be £1.2 million, summarised in the breakdown below:

Building Costs	£1,000,000
Professional Fees	£100,000
Furniture and Furnishings	£100,000
Total Development Cost	£1,200,000

approximate budget cost breakdown

Based on the outlined specifications, the approximate order of budget costs for the various functional elements of the building will be as follows:

ITEM	APPROX. COST IN POUNDS
1 Men's Prayer Hall (Ground Floor)	£350,000
2 Ladies Prayer Hall	£75,000
3 Ablution & Lavatory (Mens)	£60,000
4 Ablution & Lavatory (Ladies)	£25,000
5 First Floor	£100,000
6 Administrative Offices	£15,000
7 Funeral Facilities	£45,000
8 Imam's Residence	£45,000
9 Caretaker's Residence	£40,000
10 Reception & Imam's Office	£10,000
11 Kitchen	£15,000
12 Mechanical & Electrical Services	£150,000
13 Contingency	£70,000



schedule of works & timescale

STAGES	SCOPE OF WORKS	PROGRAMME
A	Ablution Lavatory Facilities to Main Hall (Men)	6 weeks
B	Demolition of existing Ablution Area and Ancillary Building	2 weeks
C	Centre Forecourt Area and Barrel Vaulted Roof	16 weeks
D	Main Hall: foundations, steel work, upper floors	16 weeks
E	Secondary Hall: foundations & steel work, upper floor Ablution Area (Women) & Admin Office	16 weeks
F	Funeral Facility, Imam's Flat, Reception Office Imam's Office, Caretaker's Flat & Kitchen	16 weeks
G	Sundry and external works	6 weeks
TOTAL		78 weeks Insha'Allah

donate today



Brothers & Sisters,

Assalaam Alaikum

The Masjid re-development fund has already collected £200,000, but is in urgent need of the remaining £1 million. To avoid delays in the work schedule and ensure a swift completion of the project with minimal inconvenience to visitors, this target needs to be attained promptly.

This huge financial target can not be achieved without our community's moral, monetary and physical support and contributions. The magnificent and incalculable rewards that have been promised to those who present their wealth for the sake and pleasure of Allah (swt), should be enough of an incentive for us all. Please capitalise on this opportunity and participate in this noble cause and appeal by donating wholeheartedly today.

We pray that Allah (swt) grants you success and prosperity in this life and the hereafter, and that your generous gift helps build you a house in Jannah and acts as a form of Sadaqah Jariya (continuing charity) after your demise, Ameen.

Jaza'kumullah Khair

Wassalaam

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account details

Cheques or drafts should kindly be drawn in the name of '**Muslim Welfare Association**' and sent to the Masjid treasurer Br Munawar. Please send your full contact details with the cheque, for acknowledgement and receipt purposes. You can also donate directly in the Masjid bank account, details for which are shown below:

Masjid Bank Account

Account Name

Muslim Welfare Association -
Building Fund Account
Barclays Bank, Alperton Branch,
220 Ealing Road,
Wembley HA0 4QH
England

Account No. 60853453

Sort Code 20-01-89

Under Gift Aid, the Masjid will receive an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue for every pound you donate. This means that a £1,000 donation will turn into £1,280 as long as the donation is made through the Gift Aid scheme. This also applies to smaller donations. Please remember to obtain a Gift Aid sheet from the Masjid Office and complete it before returning it with your cheque. Please do not send cash money by post.

Who is it that would
lend Allah a Qurz-e-Hasna
so He may multiply it for
him many times over?

Al-Quran 2:245



Our thanks and prayers for
all those who contribute towards
this noble cause – may Allah
accept their contributions and
reward them in this world and
in the hereafter.



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