

**AL RISAALAH MOSQUE**  
ISLINGTON ISLAMIC CENTER

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## **MOSQUE EXTENSION & RENOVATION PROJECT**



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## Overview:

Al Risaalah Mosque is one of London's busiest local mosques, situated in north London in the London borough of Islington, with a high Muslim population.

The local community bought this property in 2011 and have used it daily since. Prior to its use as a masjid, the building functioned as an educational facility, which meant that it saw high foot traffic and wear and tear. Additionally, due to its current heavy use, and its centrality within the community, Al Risaalah's capacity is not able to accommodate all worshipers during high traffic periods, especially during Fridays, Ramadan and Eid celebrations etc. when prayers often spill out into all areas including corridors and stairs, and some of the congregation are turned away to other near-by mosques. Therefore, the mosque management has decided to carry out a programme to extend the back of the mosque and the first and second floor turning these areas into additional prayer rooms and facilities. Part of the programme is to open up the internal walls and complete proper refurbishments throughout the mosque making it more fit for purpose. At the moment the masjid capacity is 800. With the extension and renovation, the capacity will increase to over 1000 worshipers.



Al Risaalah Mosque is run by a registered charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. Charity Registration No. 1180914.

AL Risaalah Mosque has good relationship with the local authority and is visited by many dignitaries and Ulama from many parts of the world. Many non-Muslims have converted at this mosque.



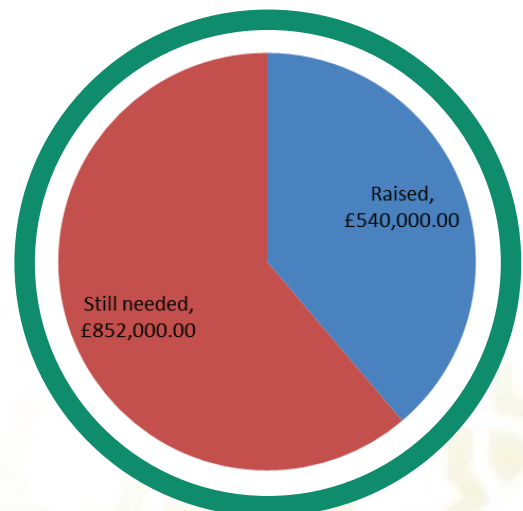
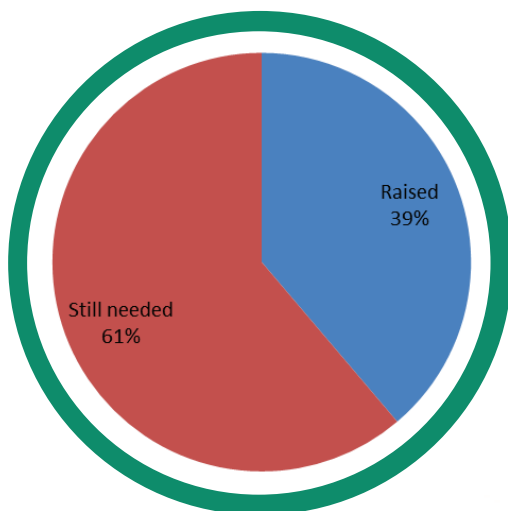




(The first UK Hijab wearing mayor at Al Risaalah Mosque)

The local government council has approved the planning application for the proposed works. Architectural and engineering design are now complete and with the project costed at £1,392,000. Al Hamdu Lillah we have managed to raise so far £540,000.

## Buiding Project



The project has been divided into two phases. The first phase will cost around £800,000. We are currently fundraising to cover the £260,000 shortfall for Phase 1. Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to our goal. The second phase will cost £600,00. The project will start inshaa Allah at the beginning of April 2025.





We appeal to all our brothers and sisters to contribute to this noble cause. The prophet said: "He who builds a house for Allah, Allah will build for him a house in Jannah."

## Masjid Activities

Some of the activities at the mosque include: -

- Five daily prayers, as well as Juma, Tarawih and Eid prayer
- Quran tahfid and Islamic studies for children
- Arabic and Islamic studies ma'had for both male and female youth.
- Islamic study circles for both male and female
- Youth activities, lectures and diversionary activities
- Family counselling and mediation, care for the elderly and disabled, mental health issues and other kinds of support
- (30 Quran Juz memorisation ceremony)



## Premises uses

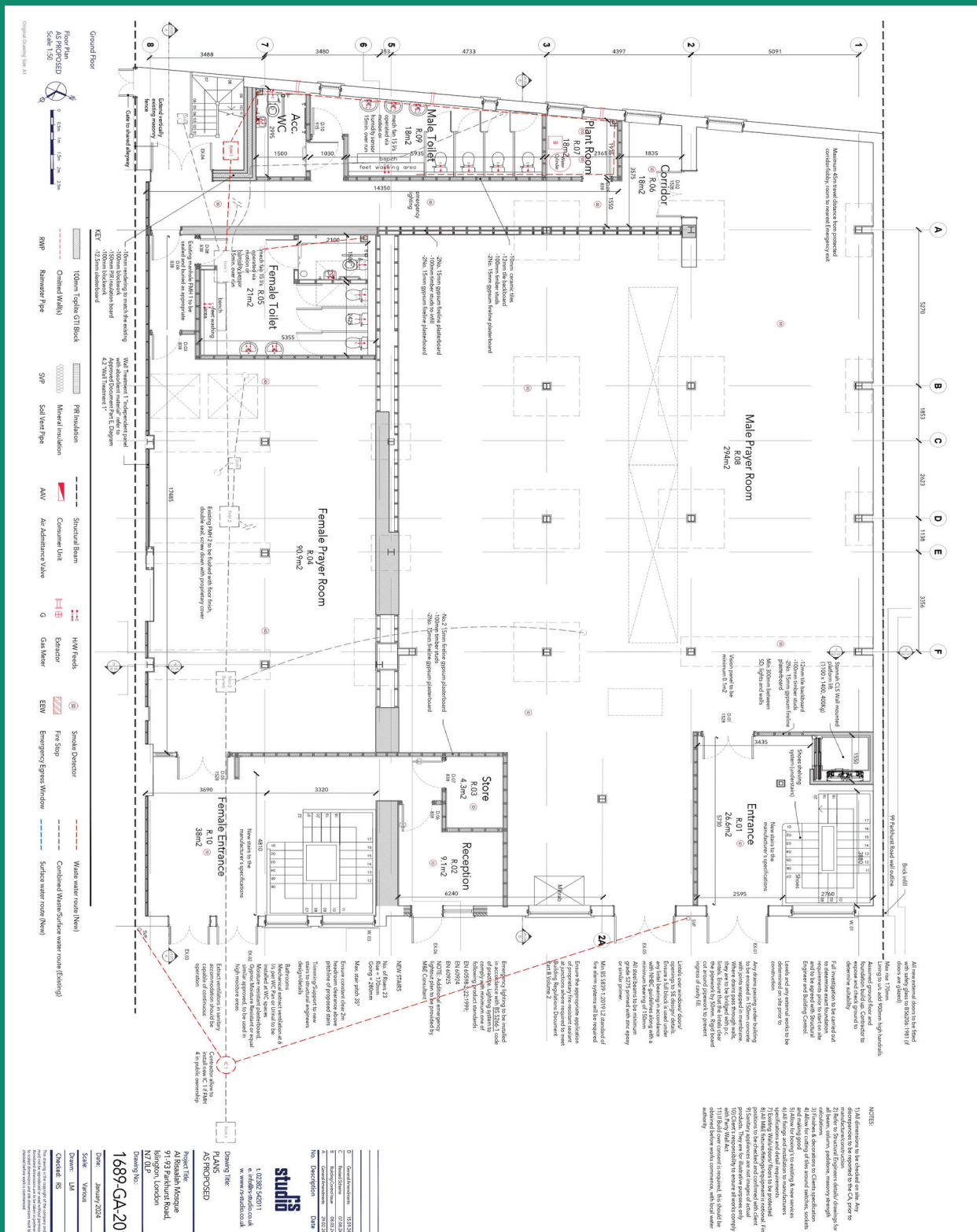
The masjid is not used just for prayers. The local community uses the premises for marriage and other functions. Family mediation, advice and guidance, Islamic teaching and propagation. Many scholars from Asia, Africa and other parts of the world come to the mosque. There is regular female and male youth activities.





## Extension and Renovation Project

The Al Risaalah Mosque will undergo a much-needed renovation and extension to better serve its growing community. The current building, originally designed as an educational facility, is not fit for the needs of a modern, busy mosque. Its layout includes multiple internal walls and rooms that restrict prayer space, and the structure requires constant maintenance due to its age. Poor insulation and inefficient design also result in high energy costs, which could be reduced with more sustainable upgrades.





## Why This Project is Urgent

**Overcrowding:** During peak times such as Fridays, Ramadan, and Eid, hundreds of worshipers are unable to access the mosque. Prayers spill over into corridors, stairways, and offices. This situation not only inconveniences worshipers but also poses safety risks.



- **Growing Community Needs:** The local Muslim population continues to grow, making it essential to expand the mosque's capacity to accommodate current and future congregations.
- **Ageing Infrastructure:** The building requires significant updates to ensure it is safe, energy-efficient, and fully functional for daily use. The mosque has unused space that can be used to extend the available space.



## Planned Improvements

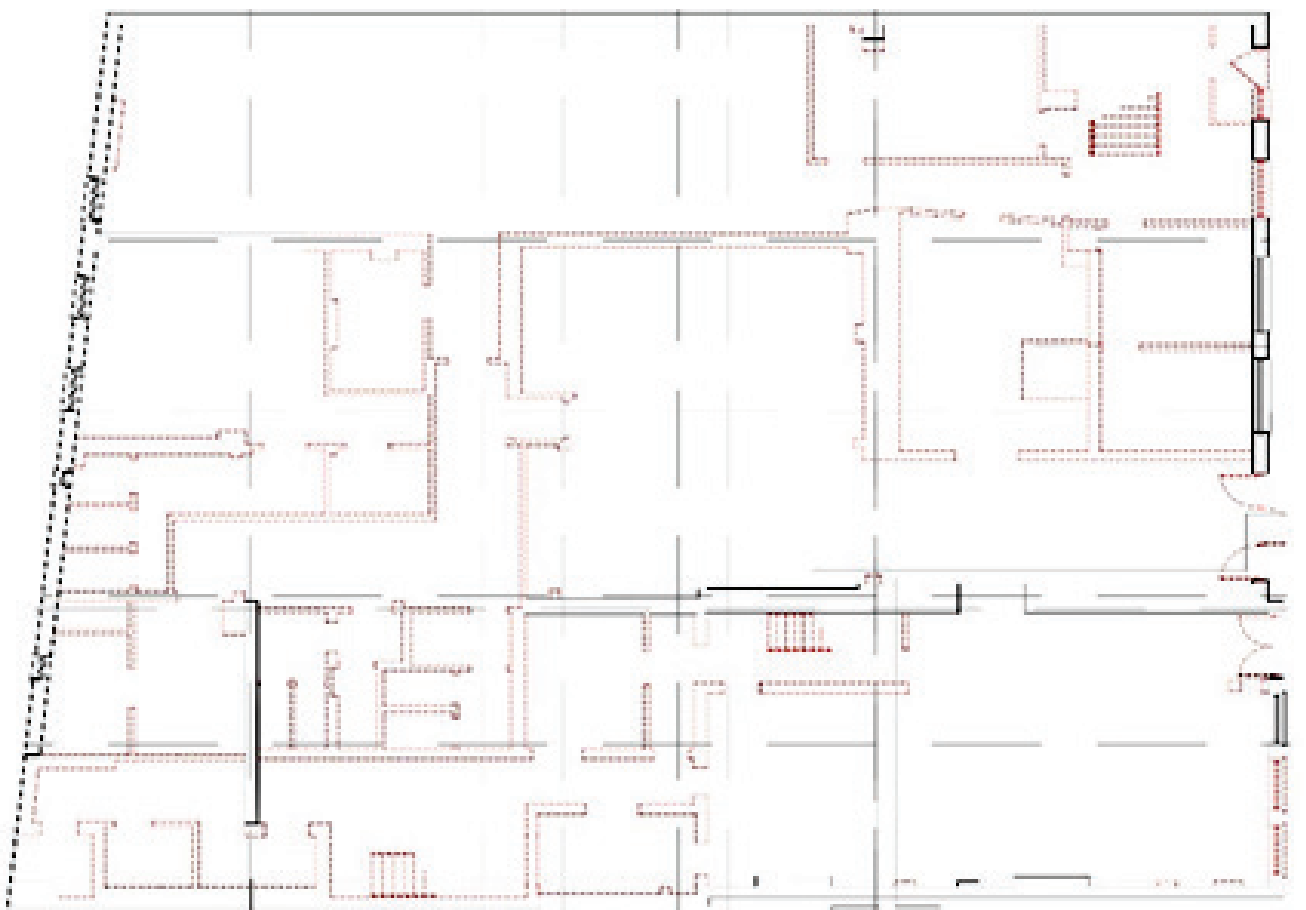
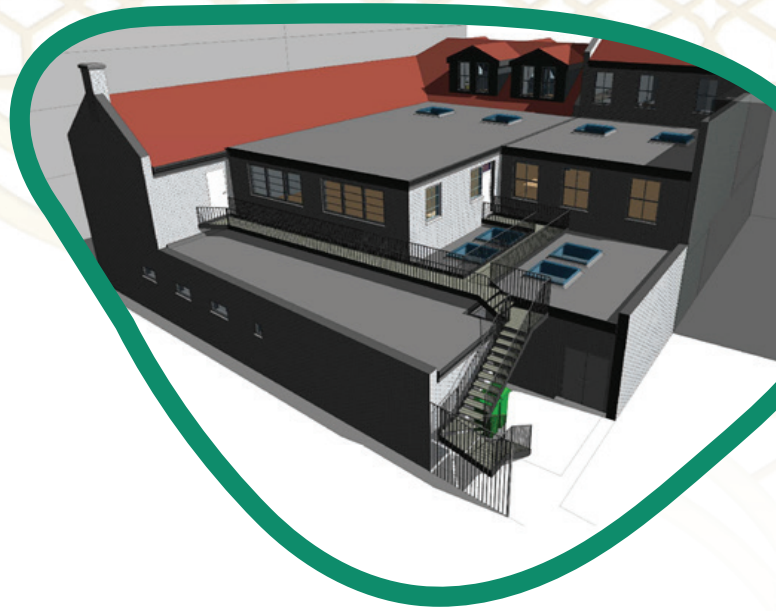
The renovation and extension will address these challenges and deliver key benefits, including:

- **Increased Prayer Capacity:** With the planned extensions to the back of the mosque and additional prayer rooms on the first and second floors, the mosque will comfortably accommodate more than 1,000 worshipers. This will prevent people from being turned away during peak times.



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- **Modernized Facilities:** Dedicated spaces will be created for community services, including family counselling, youth activities, and Islamic study circles for men and women.
- Expanded areas will allow the mosque to host larger conferences, workshops, and lectures.
- **Energy Efficiency and Sustainability:** Renovations will include eco-friendly upgrades such as improved insulation, LED lighting, and energy-efficient heating systems. This will significantly lower the mosque's operating costs and reduce its environmental footprint.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** The project will include features such as ramps, elevators, and wider corridors to ensure the mosque is fully accessible to the elderly and disabled members of the community. One of the features of the masjid is that it is easily accessible to wheelchair users and other types of disabled people. As other local masjids are not easily accessible.



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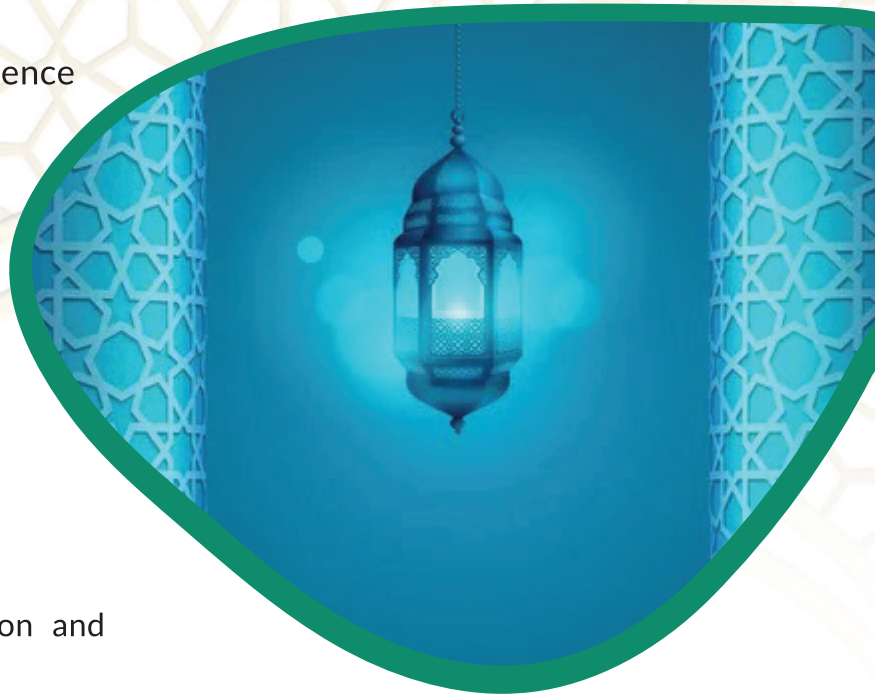


## How you can help

### Your Donations Will Make a big Difference

Your contribution to this project is a lasting investment in our community's spiritual and social well-being. By supporting this initiative, you will:

- Help provide 100s of additional worshippers a safe, comfortable and accessible prayer space.
- Ensure that future generations have access to high-quality Islamic education and community services.
- Reduce the mosque's operational costs, allowing more resources to be dedicated to charitable programs.





# How to Contribute

## Banking Details

For those who wish to donate Al Risaalah Mosque and Islington Islamic Centre has two bank accounts, one savings account and one current account.



## Savings Account

Barclay Bank

Sort Code 20-46-57 Account No 60056243

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IBAN GB92 BUKB 2046 5760 0562 43

## Current Account

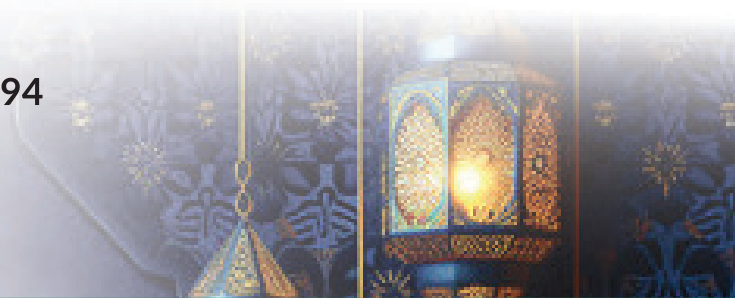
Barclays Bank

Islington Islamic Centre

Sort Code 20-67-90 Account No 33322394

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May Allah accept all our good deeds and protect us in Duniya and Aakhira. Amin



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