

Jamia Almaarif Mosque and Meditation Centre

In response to enquiries from the local community, below is a set information which outlines the plans for Capel Moriah by the purchaser.

Who are we?

We practise the Muslim faith and we promote spirituality, Sufism according to Sunni school of thought and love for mankind and peace as taught by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him).

Why Llanbedr?

Llanbedr is in a beautiful location surrounded by mountains and sea, a wonderful place for tourists to visit, an ideal location to find peace and therefore a perfect environment for a retreat. Capel Moriah was available for sale in the perfect location to serve our purpose.

How will the premises be used?

Our plans subject to approval of the alterations to be made, will be to use the place, which is already a designated place of worship, for Muslim worship. Primarily it will be an education centre mainly for family retreats specially to engage the youth (from all faiths/no faith), to engage them in healthy activities (to enable them to become responsible British citizens). The area is perfect for camping. The natural surroundings, local attractions such as Zipworld and Snowdonia Adventure Activities, will entice many families to want to visit from all over the UK.

The centre will provide both Islamic and non-Islamic activities open to the community. There will be a range of activities to cater for both adults and children. English language classes, Basic IT skills, Arts & Crafts, Sports club, Homework club, Youth club, Cultural exhibitions and Coffee mornings, are some of the activities which everyone can benefit from. We are more than happy to take suggestions from the community on arranging more activities.

We expect for the building to be in use as a mosque mainly during the holiday season and school breaks but it will be available all year round for anyone from the Muslim faith who are travelling or living within travelling distance to pray in it. There are no set times for the meditation sessions. For these sessions, people of all faiths are welcome to join.

The house will have a family living in it and this will not be limited to the holiday season. It is a peaceful location, ideal for those looking to get away from the rush of city life.

How many people are expected to use the mosque?

As Llanbedr does not have a Muslim community, the mosque will most likely only be in full use during the school holidays and the summer period. We do not expect more than 150 people visiting at any one time. Anyone of the Muslim faith will also be welcomed to use the mosque for their prayers.

What about parking?

We are aware that there are limited parking and do understand concerns of increased traffic in the area. Whilst there will be a few cars, we expect the majority of people to travel in by public transport or by minibus. We will ensure that no one is obstructed and will park away from the village if required.

How will noise be managed?

Our people will be very conscious not to upset the neighbourhood. We practise silent meditation. We do not play loud instruments. Any sound from the recitation of the Quran, the Muslim Holy book will be contained within the building.

How else will the community benefit?

People who will travel in from different cities will require holiday lets and use of the local amenities. This will be an opportunity for increased business for the local area.

