

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the name of Allah the Merciful, the Compassionate

MR MOHAMMED ASLAM OF 34 BLENHEIM AVENUE, HIGHFIELD SOUTHAMPTON HAS FILED A CLAIM IN THE HIGH COURT ALLEGING THAT HE IS OWED £3,335,408 (THREE MILLIION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHT POUNDS) FOR BUILDING THE MOSQUE. HE IS DEMANDING THAT THIS AMOUNT SHOULD BE PAID TO HIM.

MR ASLAM HAS NOT SO FAR NOT FILED ACCOUNTS AS TO HOW THIS MONEY HAS COME TO BE OWED TO HIM.

NEEDLESS TO STATE THAT THE CLAIM HAS NO BASIS AND IS BEING DEFENDED.

HOWEVER DEFENDING THE CLAIM COSTS MONEY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS IN THIS REGARD.

THE MOSQUE WAS BUILT THROUGH PUBLIC DONATIONS OF MANY INCLUDING THOSE FROM MOHAMMAD ASLAM AND HIS FAMILY FOR WHICH WE ALL REMAIN GRATEFUL.

FOLLOWING LONG AND EXPENSIVE LITIGATION, THE HIGH COURT, EARLIER THIS YEAR, ORDERED THAT THE LAND UPON WHICH THE MOSQUE HAS BEEN BUILT AND WHICH HAD BELONGED TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SOUTHAMPTON MEDINA MOSQUE TRUST LIMITED - REJECTING THE CLAIM OF MR MOHAMMAD ASLAM THAT THE LAND BE TRANSFERRED TO HIM AND TWO OTHERS. THE COURT ORDERED THAT MR MOHAMMAD ASLAM AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS SHOULD PAY HALF OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE SMRTL IN LITIGATION. MR ASLAM AND/OR HIS CO-DEFENDANTS HAVE MADE NO OFFER TO PAY THE COSTS AWARDED AGAINST THEM.

THE TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE SMRTL HAS TAKEN PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COURT ORDER ALTHOUGH MR ASLAM IS STILL NOT COMPLIANT WITH PART OF THAT ORDER.

MOSQUE IS THE HOUSE OF ALLAH AND DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY HUMAN BEING.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTHAMPTON MEDINA MOSQUE TRUST LIMITED (SMRTL) HAS NO CLAIM TO THE MOSQUE OR ITS ASSETS.

IT IS ELECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE TRUST TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE MOSQUE AND TO TAKE CARE OF ITS ASSETS.

THE BOARD FEELS CONCERNED AND SADDENED THAT SOME OF THE MONEY SO BADLY NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE MOSQUE WILL NEED TO GO IN DEFENDING THE COMPLETELY FRIVOLOUS CASE BROUGHT BY MR ASLAM. UNLESS THE CASE IS WITHDRAWN, THE SMRTL HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFEND THE CLAIM.

THE BOARD RECOGNISES AND APPRECIATES THE HUGE VOLUNTARY EFFORT THAT MR ASLAM AND EVERYONE ELSE INCLUDING MOST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PUT INTO BUILDING THE MOSQUE. IN SO DOING THEY SERVED TO PLEASE ALLAH SWT.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE US ALL - Ameen.

For further information contact the Chair Mr Khurshid Drabu, Vice Chair Haji Shawkat Ali or Mr Rashid Brora, Secretary to the Board of Trustees or one of the Imams.