

Responses to Survey Assessing Feelings of Vulnerability of Congregants in Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre (GLMCC)

GLMCC conducted a survey in order to assess the feelings of vulnerability of the congregants of their mosque.

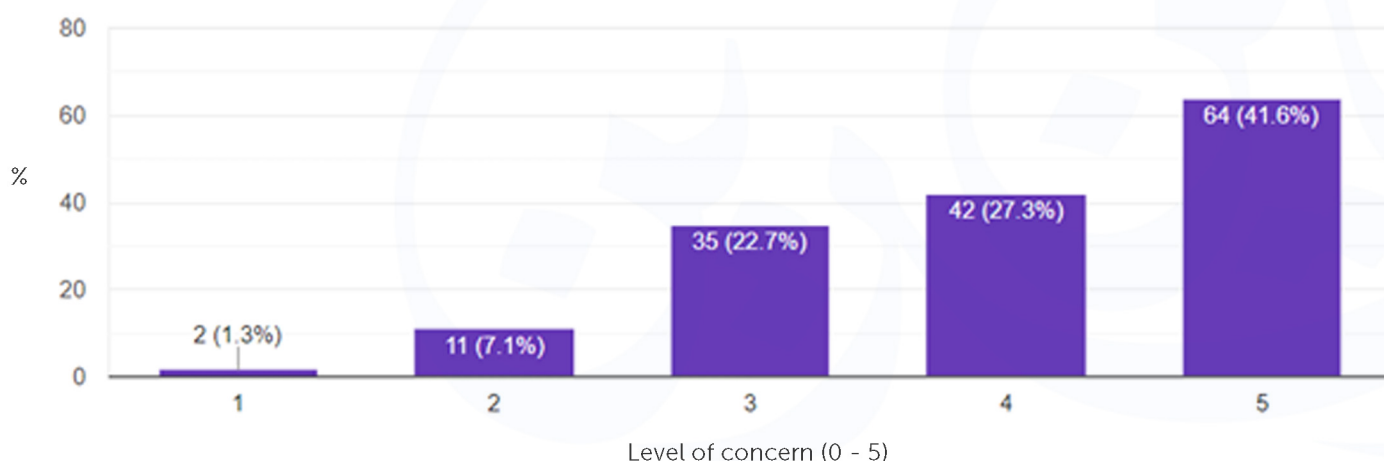
154 responses were received, and the collated data reflects the urgent need for increased security measures in the centre.

The vast majority of respondents are concerned about hate crimes in their local area, have personally been subjected to hate crimes and have also witnessed hate crimes at the centre or in their locality.

The survey results below point towards an overwhelming feeling of vulnerability within the community, which can be relieved with more robust security frameworks.

■ 1) 'Are you concerned about hate crime in your local area?'

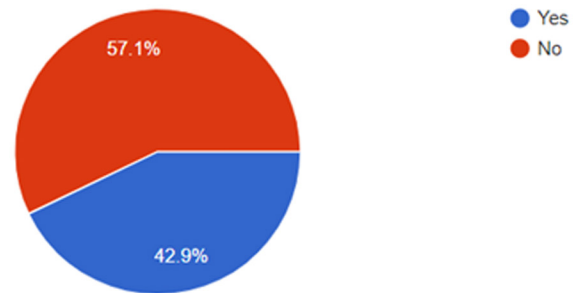
Out of 154 respondents, 41.6% answered that they were very concerned, whereas only 1.3% responded that they were not at all concerned. This demonstrates that the vast majority of congregants are concerned about hate crime in their local area. The following graph portrays these results, with 1 on the x-axis representing 'not at all concerned' and 5 representing 'very concerned':



■ 2) 'Have you ever been the target of any hate crime?'

42.9% of respondents said yes.

This reflects that almost half of the congregants have been subjected to hate crime. The following pie chart portrays these results:



■ 3) When asked 'If yes, what happened?', there were 62 responses that included:

"My daughter was verbally abused in a bus stop with a witness present who did nothing."

"Verbal abuse and harassment. Clothing pulled at. Rocks thrown at me."

"Me and my brother were shouted at by a drunk man, being called Taliban and saying that he knew we didn't have bombs under our coats. Another time whilst walking to the Mosque for morning prayer, a man rolled down his window and shouted the word Satan in Arabic at me."

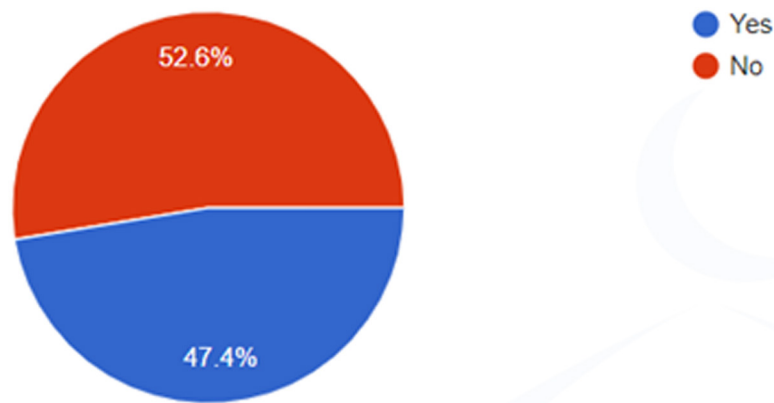
"A group of white British men crowded around me and threatened me to take my scarf off."

"My family have been targeted on various occasions. I have been verbally abused (people shouting out of cars) when walking with my wife or daughters who wear hijab. My daughter was threatened by a man shouting that he would kill her in Solihull town centre less than two years ago. It was reported to the police."

"Attacked by over 30 white men in Walsall for no reason. Destroyed my brother's car, they tried to drag us out the car and I heard the words "kill them." They were jumping on top of the car. Police were informed but they didn't care because "it's not serious enough.""

■ **4) 'Have you witnessed hate crime either at your centre, or in your local neighbourhood within the last 5 years?'**

47.4% of respondents said yes, demonstrating that almost exactly half of the respondents had witnessed hate crime at Green Lane Masjid or the local neighbourhood in the past 5 years. The following pie-chart portrays this:



■ **5) When then asked 'If yes, please tell us about it', there were 64 responses including:**

"Someone broke the windows of a number of Mosques in the area."

"Muslim sister was attacked by a bus stop because she was wearing a burqa."

"Congregation member getting stabbed."

"Crowd of people coming close to my face in an intimidating manner saying bad words."

"An elderly man from the community was stabbed to death whilst walking back home from Green Lane Mosque, only 5 minutes away."

"Pigs heads left on the door step of a community centre, after accusations of it becoming an undercover Mosque."

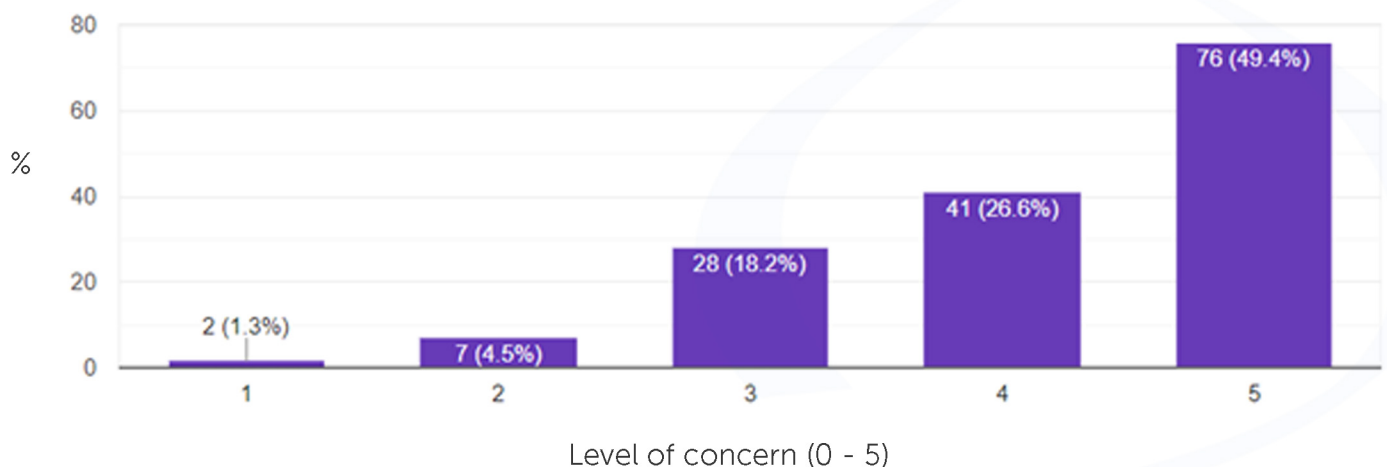
"Someone was stabbed very close to Green Lane Masjid, just around the corner and hit on the head with a glass bottle."

■ 6) 'How vulnerable do you think your faith centre is to hate crime?'

49.4% of respondents believed that Green Lane Masjid was very vulnerable to hate crime, whereas only 1.3% of respondents believed Green Lane Masjid was not vulnerable to hate crime.

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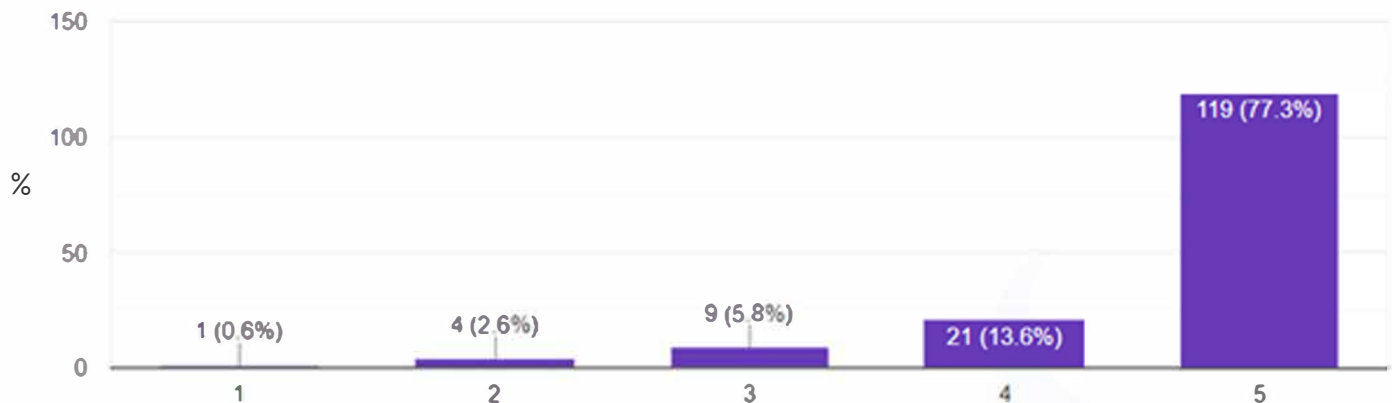
This is portrayed in the following graph, with 1 on the x-axis representing 'not vulnerable' and 5 representing 'very vulnerable':



■ 7) 'How much of a difference would better security measures at your faith centre (e.g. CCTV cameras) make to the safety of your faith centre?'

Of 154 respondents, 77.3% responded saying 'a major difference', whereas only 1 respondent said it would make no real difference with security measures, conveying that over $\frac{3}{4}$ of participants believe security measures would make a large difference to the safety of Green Lane Masjid.

The following graph portrays this, with 1 on the x-axis representing 'no real difference with security measures' and 5 on the x-axis representing 'a major difference':



■ **8) 'Are there any particular times of the day that you believe your centre is more vulnerable to hate crime? And if so, what times?'**

154 respondents answered, with the majority stating 'night time', Friday and Ramadan', or 'around prayer times'.

■ **9) Finally, when asked 'Is there anything you would like to add regarding hate crime or the security of your faith centre?', there were 58 responses including:**

"Hate crime from the far-right is on the increase, and I say this as a white, British woman (Revert). A white revert causes consternation with the EDL types, because they can't really use their racist language. So I guess that's why they pull my clothes and chuck broken bricks instead. So depending on where I'm going, I have to balance covering-up and looking a 'bit different' with how much abuse I'm prepared to take. All this in 2020 in a large, multicultural city in Western Europe."

"It would be great if extra security could be added as it gives comfort to the more vulnerable in society. It will create a less stressful environment outside the Mosque as well."

"Green Lane is one of the biggest Mosques in the UK and regularly appears in the media, which may make it a target for far-right extremists."

