



Ayrshire Central Mosque  
& Community Centre  
(Kilmarnock)

# New Mosque Project APPEAL 2019



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**Renovation  
or  
New Build ?**



## **New Mosque Project Appeal**



**Ayrshire Central Masjid (Kilmarnock)**, is a non-profit, non-political, religious and educational institution. The purpose of the Masjid is to serve the Muslim community of Ayrshire. We also hope to serve as a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities to promote mutual learning and understanding. With the objectives of

- (a) Providing services to the Muslim community and
- (b) Bringing together the Muslim and non-Muslim communities in the area.

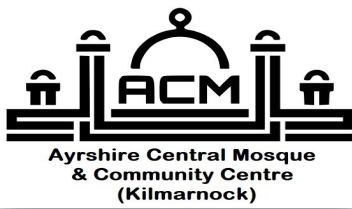
A Mosque is a place of peace, care, compassion and community. A refuge for the Muslims. They are at the heart of every Muslim community around the world: the first act of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) upon his arrival in Medina was to build a Mosque.

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## SADAQAH JARIYAH

For Muslims, the building of a Mosque, or contributing towards it, is one of the most virtuous forms of Sadaqah Jariyah (continuous charity) that Allah (SWT) has bestowed upon us.

Sadaqah Jariyah will benefit the donor long after they have died. We pray that you will take up this opportunity to invest in your Aakhirah (the afterlife)

*"when a person dies, then his good deeds stop except for three; a Sadaqah Jariyah, a beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for that person".*

(Sahih Muslim)

**Ayrshire's First  
Mosque Established  
in 2009**

### **Ayrshire Central Mosque (Kilmarnock)/ Al Huda Educational Society of Scotland,**

was established, by the grace of Allah (SWT) in 2009. We located a public house (The Tavern) for sale and purchased it with donations from our local community for the sum of £200,000.

We had to renovate the building by further donations and thus the Ayrshire Central Mosque/Community Centre was open in December 2009.

Alhamdulillah due to donations we were able to purchase the building (shown)

It is now open as Ayrshire Central Mosque and Community Centre it is serving the local community of Ayrshire, Scotland.



Ayrshire Central Mosque 2009

## Our Story

**Ayrshire's First  
Muslim Burial Site. Established in 2010**



### **WE OPERATE THE ONLY MUSLIM BURIAL SITE IN AYRSHIRE**

**Ayrshire Central Mosque** had been trying for a Muslim Burial plot for some years. By the grace of Allah we finally achieved our goal and were allocated 300 spaces at Kilmarnock Cemetery, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in 2010. This allocation is for Muslim residents of Ayrshire. Non residents are also welcome but there is a 100% surcharge by East Ayrshire Council.

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## Our Mission

**A.C.M.** will actively promote the message of Islam to: Eliminate misunderstandings among non-Muslims and to invite them to Islam, create an atmosphere whereby our youths and others are proud to declare their faith. We will provide the community with a forum for Islamic education.

We will provide a means for the community to interact with each other socially and provide a path for them to fulfil their obligations as Muslims.

The fundamental objective of the Society will be to seek Glory to Allah (SWT).

## Our Services

- ◆ Community Events for women and children.
- ◆ Adult and youth counselling.
- ◆ Hifz Programs Adults and children.
- ◆ Nightly traweeh prayers during the month of Ramadhan.
- ◆ Iftar during the whole month of Ramadan.
- ◆ Conducts marriages services.
- ◆ Funeral & Burial Service

## The Future

At the time we purchased the present building it was adequate for our needs but we did realize that in the future we would have problems due to lack of:

- **Classrooms for the children.**
- **Very limited Prayer Area for the sister's.**
- **Limited Ablution/Wadu Area for the sister's**
- **Car Park full of pot holes.**

Now in 2019 the building is in need of urgent repair. We have decided to Renovate or New Build depending on raised funds. The other reason for improvement is that since 2008 the Muslim Community has grown significantly over these past years so the current facilities are insufficient.

Mothers and young children have to book classrooms in local churches and Roman Catholic Schools due to our lack of facilities. This is not a good situation to be in for us.

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## At Present

As seen in the images below our Masjid is in a a run down state even though we have tried to keep it to a suitable standard.

Since we purchased the building we have built new Male Ablution Areas plus a smaller Female area, built a new kitchen, a library, Imam's Office and built a boundary fence in total we have spent over £35,000 but this has not solved all our problems.



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# Options

**Background** Ayrshire Central Mosque building is over seventy years old and was originally built as a Public House/Disco building. It has many drawbacks and is expensive to maintain. There is no air-conditioning or wall insulation, no double glazed windows, the occasional leaking roof. The existing Building is unsatisfactory in many respects, notably;

- ◆ Maintenance costs are disproportionately high
- ◆ Almost a complete lack of parking on Friday (Jumma Prayers)
- ◆ Incapable of satisfying demand for a range of activities.
- ◆ No female Ablution Area.
- ◆ There are NO Classrooms to teach children or have any classes for adults.

Even with remedial work it would still suffer from inherent limitations – a site with the actual building not facing direction of the Qibla. no scope for long-term development, with too small an internal area, inadequate Toilet/Ablution facilities, Limited parking on Fridays and no disability provision.

Given the unsatisfactory state of the Mosque in its present condition, there are **TWO** options to address this situation:

- 1. Major refurbishment of the existing Mosque building.**
- 2. Demolish the existing Mosque and build a new one on the same site.**



## **Major refurbishment:**

The faults outlined above would correct the present deficiencies. For a significant overall upgrading of the facilities, there would need to be an additional floor above the existing Mosque.

The overall floor area of approximately 289 sq m, on Ground Level will be more than sufficient for the brothers, this will include: Main Prayer Hall 2 times larger than at present, Imam's Room, Office, Kitchen, Male WC's, Male Ablution Room, Dining Room and a Games/Fitness Room.

On the New Upper Level there would be Large Sister's Prayer Hall, 2 Classrooms, Kitchen and Childs Play Area, covering approx. 200 sq m of floor space (5 times the space at present). This renovation includes modern Sanitary Ablution Area, light fittings, kitchen equipment/accessories, floor carpets, blinds, tables, chairs/tables in all probably amounting to at least a similar sum again. We have a rough estimate of £300,000 to complete this work.

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# Options

## 2. New Building on existing site:



**The need for a New Mosque:** We have put together this short note to summarise some of the key matters relating to the current scheme and explain why we need to build a new Mosque.

Ayrshire Central Mosque was established back in 2008 through the efforts of local Muslim residents of Kilmarnock & Ayrshire who were few in numbers.

Since the Mosque's formation the Muslim population has grown some what therefore the Mosque's physical size and activities have become limited compared to the actual Muslim population. The Mosque has good links with all religious groups in the area and is proud to be the centre of Inter-community relations in the whole of Ayrshire.

**Unsuitability of Current Building:** The current Mosque building has a Prayer Hall which sits in a former bar/dance floor room and conditions are cramped. This hall and the whole Mosque building is facing the wrong direction away from Mecca thus causing problems. With a New Build we can erect a purpose built Mosque facing the correct direction. The new Mosque will allow us to have a spacious ground floor with a Prayer Hall, Ablution Facilities, Library, Imam's Office, Main Office, Activity Fitness Room, Kitchen, Funeral Room etc and on the Upper Floor we will have a Sister's Prayer Hall, Kitchen, Ablution Room, Classrooms, Toddlers Play Room and Activity Room.

### **The New Building will Replace and Improve:**

The new Mosque will be truly inclusive, sustainable and respectful of the neighbourhood whilst maintaining the elements that people perceive as traditional as the Mosque. It must have meaning for the Muslim people that use it as well as being a symbol of Islamic tradition. The intention is to construct the new Mosque with high quality materials to ensure that it stands the test of time and is a major improvement over the current building.

The Planning Authorities are encouraging this proposition, parking would continue to be a small problem but East Ayrshire Council have advised us that after major regeneration adjacent to our site this would not be a problem. This course would involve demolition, moving the electricity to gain more floor space, new drainage, new foundations for the larger footprint. The new building would require an additional upper floor to achieve the desired internal spaces for the Sister's & Children's Classrooms.

The overall floor area of approximately 300 sq m, on Ground Level will be more than sufficient for the brothers, this will include: Main Prayer Hall 3 times larger than at present, Imam's Room, Office, Kitchen, WC's, Ablution Room, Dining Room, Games/Fitness Room and a Ghusal Room for purpose of Janazah (Funeral Service)

On the Upper Level there would be Large Sister's Prayer Hall, 2 Classrooms, Kitchen and Childs Play Area, covering approx. 300 sq m of floor space (5 times the space at present).

Provision for Janazah( funeral) prayers is essential. At present we have to preform Ghusal for all Janazah in another Mosque 25 miles away, yet we have our own Muslim Burial Space.

A number of designs of this kind are available and would be the subject of early discussions with the planning authorities and the local community.

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# The Plan

It has been 10 Years since we have established this Masjid Mash'Allah and we now think it is time for improvement in the form of a New Build or major Renovation depending on funds .

At present we have approximately 300 sq m of covered area on the ground floor in which there is a main Prayer Hall, smaller Prayer Hall, a small sister's room, Kitchen, one female toilet and one sisters Wadu Unit, Mens Wc and Wadu room, Library and small Office.

We need to at least double our floor space to 600 sq m so that we may have much larger Prayer Hall for the Sisters, 2-3 Class Rooms, Larger Sisters Wadu Facilities & Childrens Play Room.

We also need to extend our Car Park. We have recently been granted Planning for Extension of our Car Park.

## There are 2 Options available

### Option 1

*Major refurbishment of the existing hall.*

*Leave present Base structure intact and*

*Add extra extensions plus a Upper Floor for Sister's & Children's Classrooms, Wadu Area & Prayer Hall.*

*This Option will be at a lower cost*

*Approx: £300,000*

### Option 2

*Demolish Present Building*

*And*

*Erect new purpose built Masjid Facing correct direction, the Holy City of Mecca.*

*This will be more costly.*

*Approx: £600,000*

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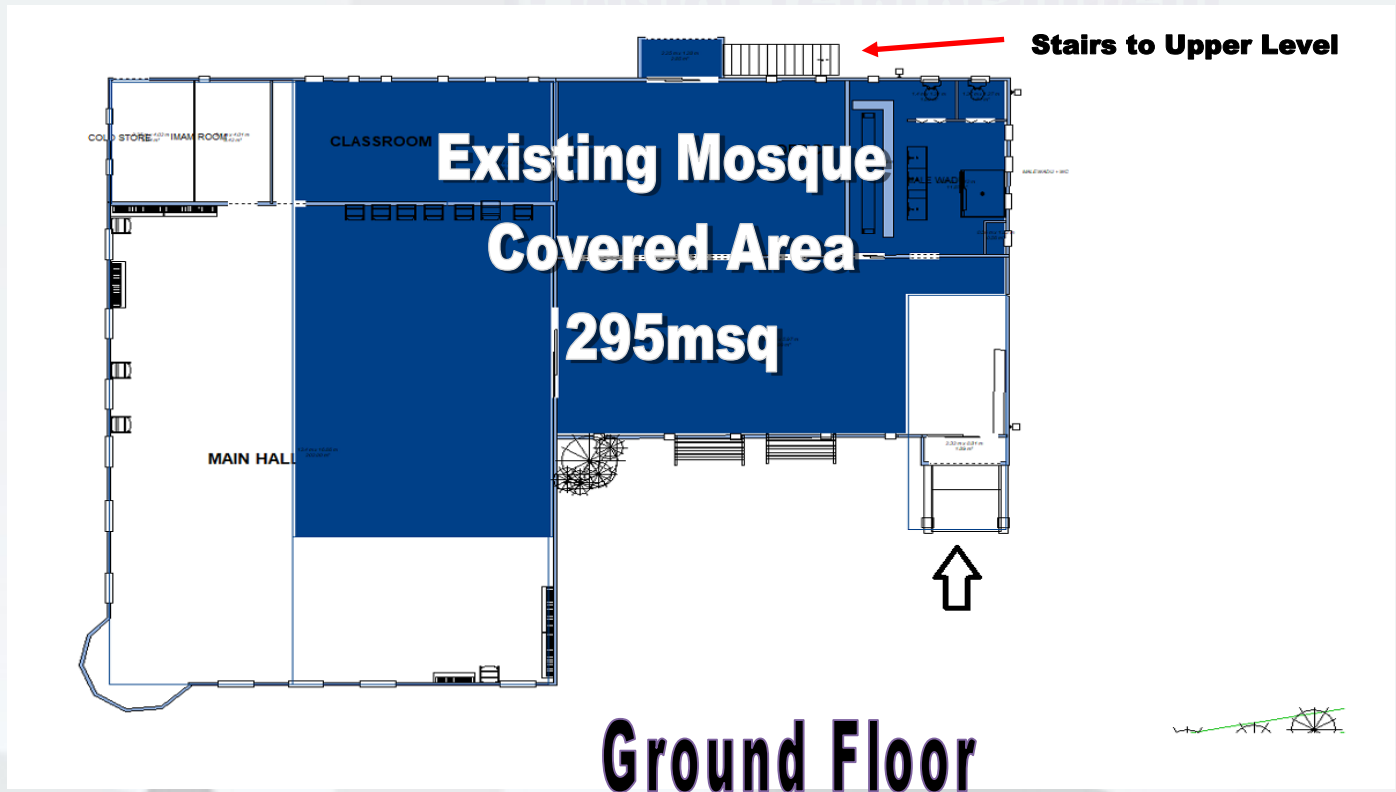
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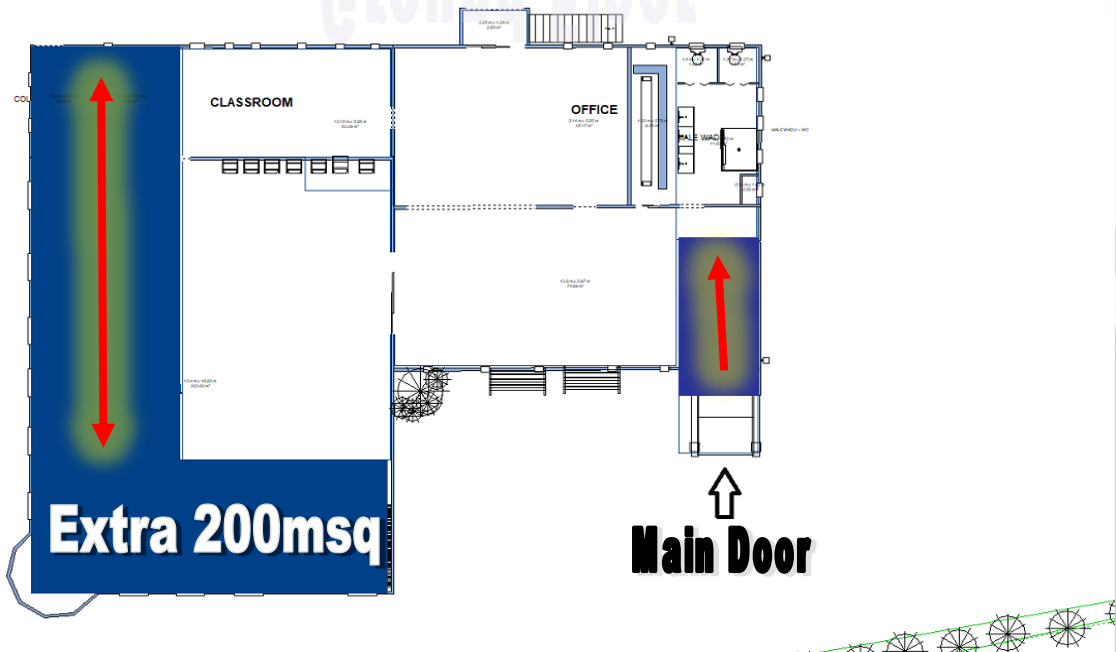


# 1. Major refurbishment of the existing Mosque.

**DARK BLUE** shaded area shows Mosque covered area at present



The **DARK BLUE** shaded area shows new construction on ground level

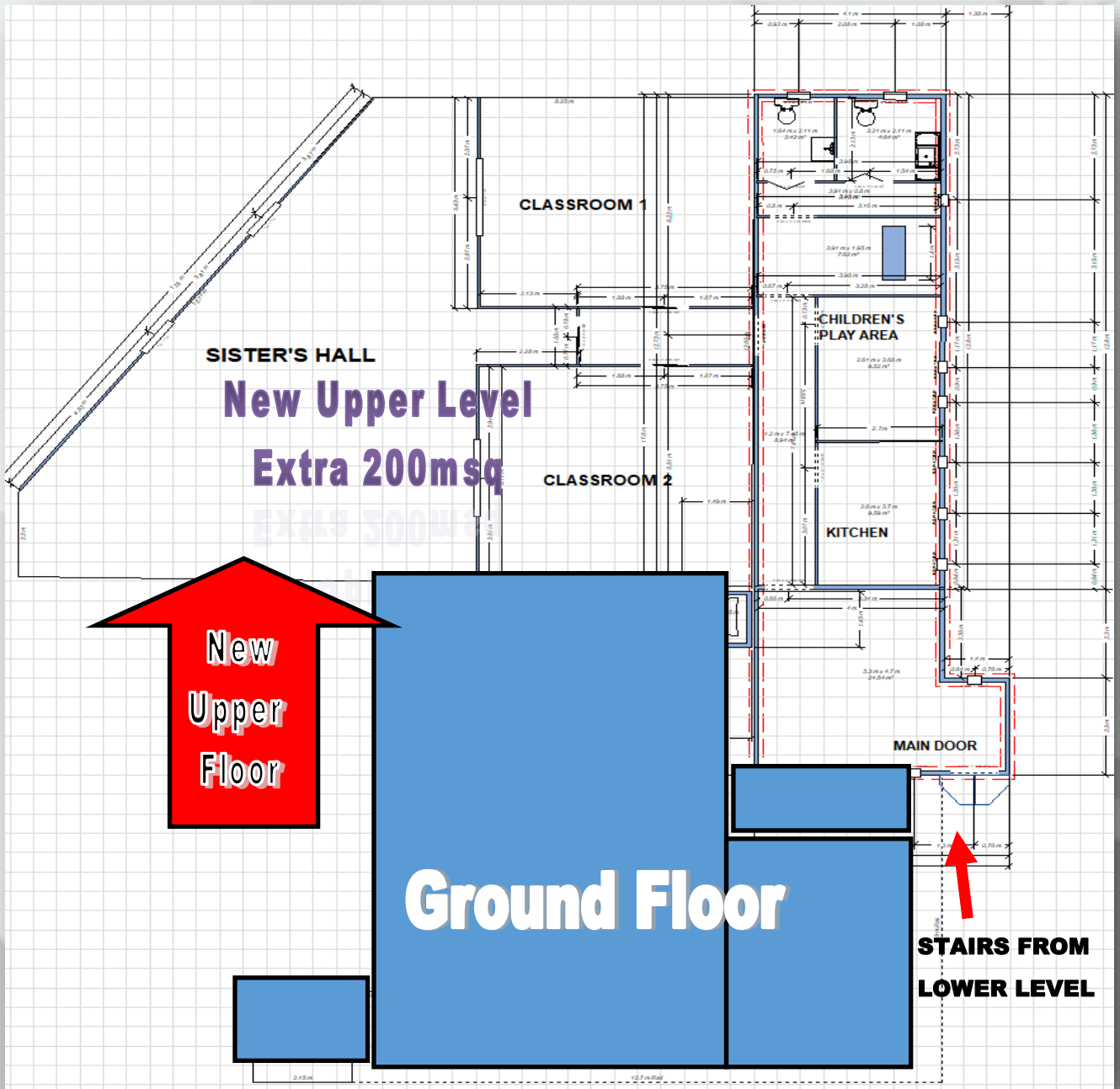




# Option 1 New Upper Level

The drawing below shows New Upper Level to be constructed on approximately 50% of the ground floor level.

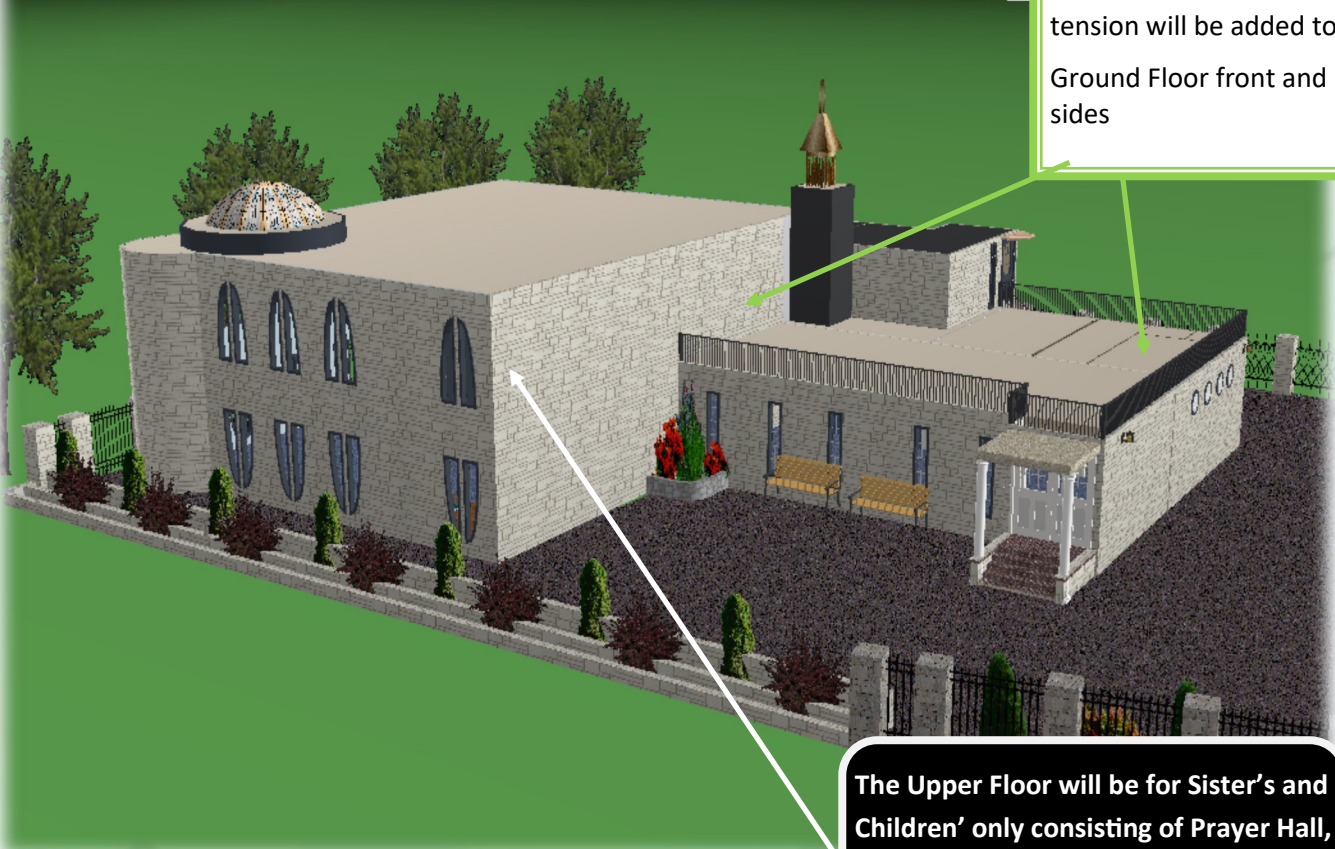
This will include a Prayer Hall, two Classrooms, Ablutions Room, WC's, Kitchen, and a Play Room for young children.





# Renovation Artist View

\*The Basic structure will remain and an extension will be added to Ground Floor front and sides



The Upper Floor will be for Sister's and Children' only consisting of Prayer Hall, Classrooms, Ablution Rooms, Kitchen and Childrens Play Area Facilities.



Stairs from the side will lead to the Upper Level



## 2. New Building on existing site



We Need to Demolish Present Building And Erect new purpose built Masjid Facing correct direction, the Holy City of Mecca. This will be more costly.

**Approx: £600,000**

**Various Designs  
Available**



This New Build Mosque could be Hexagonal or Rectangular in shape with Ground Floor for the brothers and an Upper Floor for the sisters and children.

The ground floor will be over 300 sq m with additional facilities including Larger Main Hall, Library, Gym, Kitchen, Meeting Rooms, Offices, Dinning Area and Funeral Room for Ghusal. The Upper Level will consist of a Large Prayer Hall, Two Classrooms, Kitchen, Ablution Room and Children's Play Room. The Car Park will be spacious with a pleasant streetscape.

Our aim is that the new mosque will become a religious resource for schools and interfaith groups to learn about Islam.

Since 2009 we have had approximately 35 persons convert to Islam (Alhamdulillah).

We want the replacement mosque to promote integration and harmony and to have real benefits for the wider community too and be a beacon of Islam in Ayrshire (West of Scotland)

Our wish is to create an important new place of worship and a valuable facility which Ayrshire people will be proud of.

We also want the wider community to use the mosque, in order to create a better understanding between the community and the mosque.

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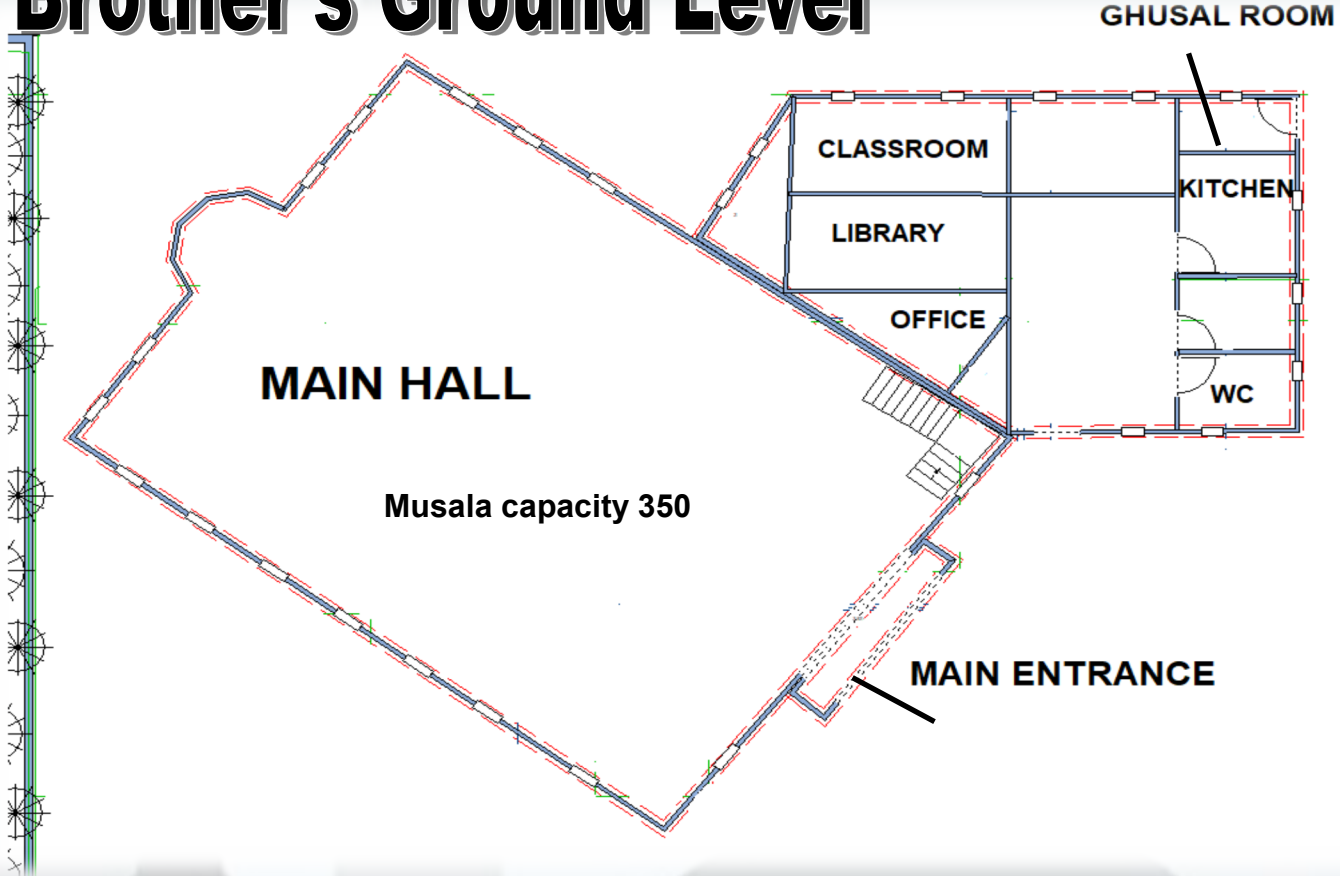
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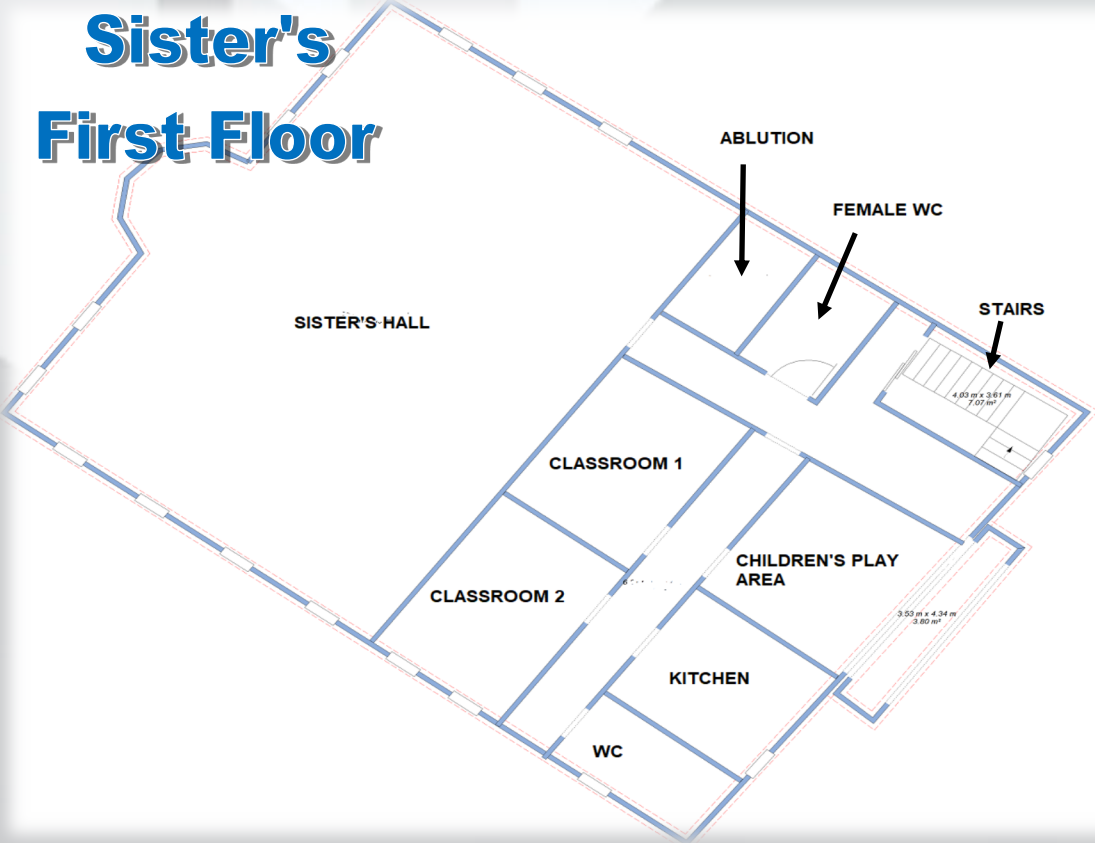


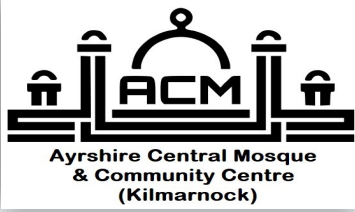
# Example of Proposed Layout

## Brother's Ground Level

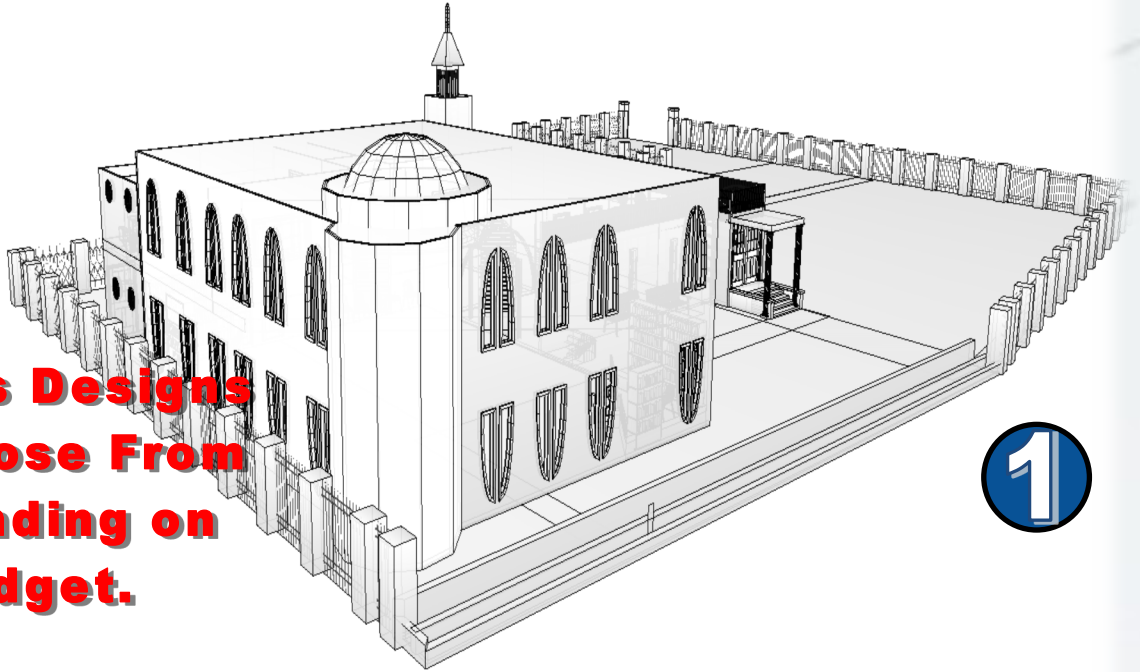


## Sister's First Floor





# New Build Various Designs Available . .



**Various Designs  
to Choose From  
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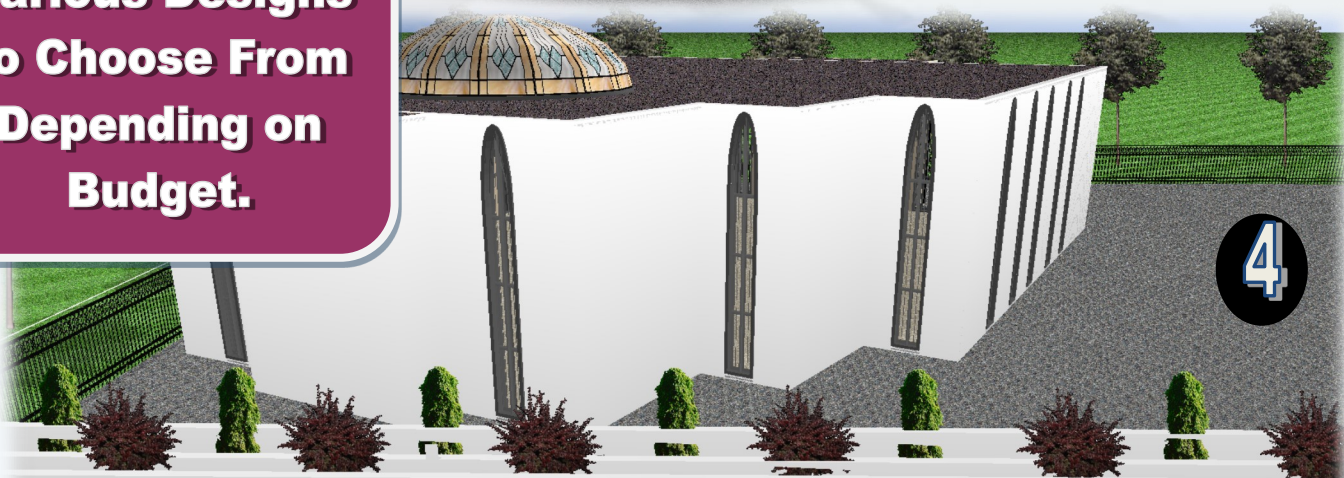
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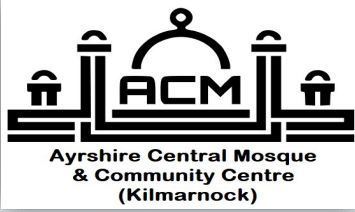
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# Conclusion

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam – AssalamuAlaikum All praise is for Allah (SWT). We praise Him and seek His help and His forgiveness and we believe in Him and rely on Him. We seek refuge with Allah (SWT) from the evils of ourselves and the vices of our deeds. There is no one to misguide whom Allah (SWT) guides and there is no one to guide whom Allah (SWT) lets go astray.*

## The Importance Of Mosques

We know that without personal and spiritual development, there can be no social development. Mosques are the places where personal and spiritual development happens. Mosques also double as community centres and places of learning. It's where people are united in worship, where men and women come to for solace and support, and where children learn to read. Mosques are the centre of any community where people can congregate for their five daily prayers and Friday congregation sermons. A mosque serves as a place where Muslims can come together not only for prayers, but for information, education and meetings.

Faith is vital to shaping the attitudes, beliefs and practices that lay the foundation for everyday life. Faith unites people as a community, gives them strength, breeds hope, and inspires social justice as well as the perseverance to improve themselves and their lives. Within the Islamic context where the concept of Zakat obligates the fair distribution of wealth, faith is integral to development

Mosques are where people gather to worship. It's where children learn religious manners and to read the Holy Qur'an.

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# Proposed Services!

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### Jumu'ah Khutbah

We have moved away from the traditional model of Urdu only sermon, we at Ayrshire Central Mosque have Muslims from a wide variety of countries therefore to accommodate are brothers and sisters hold Friday prayers in English, Urdu and Arabic with the intention of helping the community to have a better understanding and effectiveness of the lessons.

### Weekly Lectures

We do occasionally hold lectures in Urdu, Arabic and English but are restricted due to lack of room.

After our proposed renovation we will Insh'Allah hold lectures every weekend and thus educate our community towards the better understanding and appreciation of Islam.

### Monthly Talks

Ayrshire Central Mosque after improvement intend to invite guest speakers and Scholars to deliver talks on a wide variety of topics.

### Ramadan

We already provide facilities for Taraweeh prayer, Iftar and Sahoor for all attendees but at present feel that there is restricted room for the sisters.

### Women's Events

We have a Sister's group who hold children classes on Islamic education but again there is only one small prayer hall which doubles up as a classroom. Insh'Allah after improvement we will have two full size classrooms. This will ensure women only lectures and classes.

### Quran Classes & Madrasah

We already hold Quran and Tajweed classes catering for the children but again we wish to hold extra classes for the old and teenagers and this will only be possible after improvement of our present situation.

### Workshop and Training

We at Ayrshire Central Mosque feel it essential to develop and empower the youth and adults of Ayrshire with training in various aspects of life with a focus on encouraging better cohesion amongst and within the community. As mentioned above we are restricted due to lack of space.

### Youth Activities

We plan to provide services for the youth to attend the Mosque where they can learn and develop their social interaction skills and learn to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

### Open Day

We have held open days to educate the wider and local community to teach and show them authentic Islam based on the Quran and Sunnah. This also encourages better interfaith relations.

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# How You Can Help!

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\*\* Now the decision of which option to go for is not important, it depends on the level of funding we can raise.. Both options are ideal.

**Option 1:** The Renovation of the Masjid at present will be fine. We will extend the rear and side of the Masjid to gain approximately 200 sq metres on the ground floor level which will give us around 495 sq metres of floor space for the men and construct an upper level for the sister's and children. This upper level will be about 250-300 sq metres more than enough room for sisters Prayer Hall, Classrooms, Kitchen, sisters WC, Ablution Room and a Toddlers Play Room. The exterior will be covered with Cladding to modernise the appearance. And bring the whole Masjid stand out.

As far as the direction of the Masjid is concerned it will not be facing the direction of Qibla externally but the interior layout of the Prayer Halls will be in direction of the Qibla

**Option 2:** If funding is sufficient a new built Masjid is more desirable and we will demolish the present Masjid and have a purpose built Masjid with two levels and all the facilities for men, women and children.

Car Parking will be sufficient in both options as we have agreement with East Ayrshire Council to use adjacent Car Parks free of charge.

At present our capacity for Mussali's are  
max 120 for brothers and 30 for the sisters.

We would like to increase the brothers Musala capacity to 300 and sisters to 100.

Madressa Classes capacity is only 25 children

We would like to increase this to 80 childrens as we have waiting lists.

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The Muslim community is now looking forward to see this new build/renovation project commence by the grace of Allah (SWT).

Your donations will make this a project a reality. So take advantage of this opportunity to gain greater rewards for your hereafter or donate on behalf of your loved ones have passed away.

The new build/renovation will be truly inclusive, sustainable and respectful of the neighbourhood whilst maintaining the elements that people perceive as traditional, as the Mosque will have meaning for the people that use it as well as being a symbol of Islam. The intention is to construct the new building/renovation with high quality materials to ensure that it stands the test of time and is a significant improvement over the current building.

**If you can NOT help us financially; you can help us by introducing/collecting donations for this project from your relatives, family members, friends, etc. You can also help us by booking a mosque for collection, so that we can go and collect donations for this project.**

## WAYS TO DONATE:


**By Post:** *Please make Cheques payable to the following and post to:*

**AlHuda Educational Society,  
Ayrshire Central Mosque,  
58 Hill Street, Kilmarnock,  
KA3 1JD.**

**BankTransfer / DirectDebit:**

**Name of Beneficiary:** ALHUDAEDUCATIONALSOCIETY  
**Beneficiary Bank & Branch:** BANK OF SCOTLAND (HBOS)  
**SortCode:** 80-08-53.  
**Account No:** 06037311.

**Online at:** [www.ayrshirecentralmosque.org.uk](http://www.ayrshirecentralmosque.org.uk)

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**Jazāk Allāhu Khayran And Thank You For Your Cooperation**



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