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Dear Planning Policy Team,

I Usmaan Mohamed Chairman of Makki Mosque would like to highlight the following whilst submitting the email on behalf of our community. [REDACTED]  
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On behalf of Makki Mosque, Plantation rd, Sheffield, S8 9TH, I welcome the opportunity to comment on the Draft Sheffield Plan, as having examined the Draft Sheffield Plan, I was unable to see any reference to development of burial provisions for communities of Sheffield at large, and for the 50, 000 strong Muslim communities, which have specific religious and pastoral requirements. I would like to highlight a recent report prepared by Sheffield City Council's Bereavement Services indicates less than 5 year provision for Muslim burial space in Shiregreen and City Road, and none at Tinsley/Darnall.

With this in mind, there is an urgent need for the Draft Sheffield Plan to recognise this strategic need for all communities and take immediate action to expand the provision for Muslim communities. To aid this process, I kindly request the following strategic areas of the Sheffield Plan are amended so that the ever depleting burial provision for Muslim communities is addressed as an urgent priority:

Part 1: Vision, Spatial Strategy, Sub-Area Policies and Site Allocations – Specific reference should be made in this section to acknowledge the important role burial provisions plays for all communities, and the continued recognition of the special religious and pastoral requirements of the Muslim communities;

Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation – Ensure that both Planning Policy and Development Management Policies are friendly to the creation of new burial spaces across the city, including the provision of such on Greenbelt, both on publicly and privately owned sites;

Annex A: Site Allocations – Recognise and allocate land for the creation of burial provision to meet the needs of Muslim communities residing in Sharrow, Nether Edge and Millhouses; Spital Hill, Burngreave, Firth Park/Fir Vale and Tinsley/Darnall.

The provision of good quality burial services and adequate future space in our cemeteries is something our local residents need in their most challenging times, but unfortunately the Sheffield Plan is silent on this important issue.

I sincerely hope that before Sheffield Plan is submitted for examination, appropriate amendments will be made along the above lines and consequential action followed through within Sheffield City council to ensure this valuable service provision is not neglected.

Yours Sincerely

Usmaan Mohamed  
Chairman of Makki Mosque