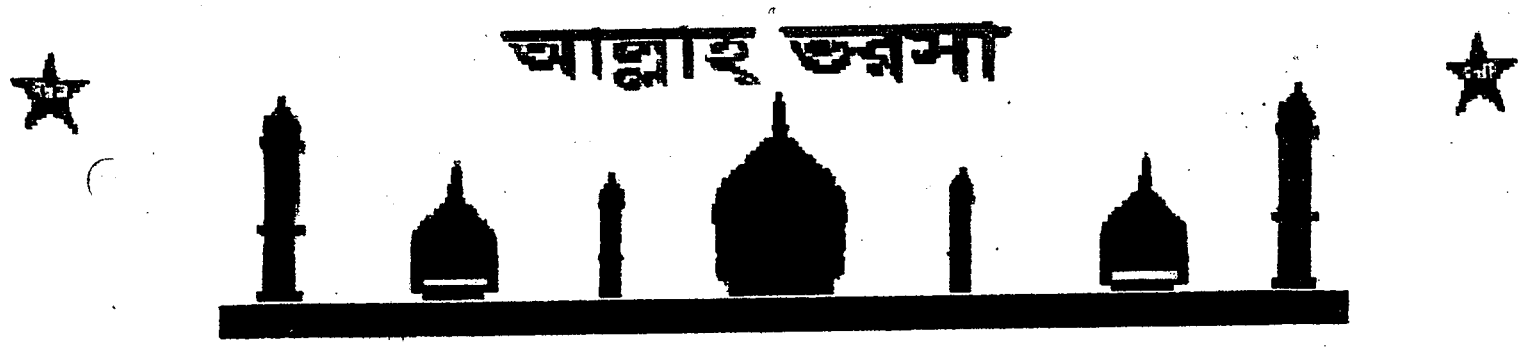


# THE SHAHJALAL MUSLIM SOCIETY AND ISLAMIC CENTRE

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ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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**DATE**.....24-10-08

The Planning Officer
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Ref: BR/382/05

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing on behalf of our community regarding extending the opening hours for the centre. Our morning pray, which is approximately one hour before sunrise should last no longer then 30 minutes and is observed in silence.

During the fasting month of Ramadan, we need to conduct a Ramadan prayer between the hours of 00.00 (midnight) and 2.00am. It is the most convenient time for the people of our community to gather and conduct the prayer for this month. It is for sure our prayer is very silent and therefore will not disturb the neighbourhood. As you are aware, we have been running the centre for the last 8-9 years. Furthermore, we do understand that during these hours if any car noises were made it will be inconvenient to the neighbours, and in an attempt we will take every step to minimise the sound, by parking away from the centre.

As a small community to conduct this special Ramadan prayer we do not have any other community centre in this area therefore we will be very grateful if the hours were extended as we have requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further assistance. Thank You.

Your Faithfully

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Yusuf Islam
President of S.M.S

M. A. Majid
Executive Member of S.M.S