

Mehfile-e-Abbas (AS) Project -Referendum: Community Information

A) Referendum Dates

On 23rd September 2012, Members of the Community sought and indeed obtained extra time from the General Body to digest the relevant information presented to the Members of the Community by the Building Committee and also give time in order to resolve the issues surrounding Ladies voting. It was unanimously agreed to defer the Referendum to a later date.

We will *Insha 'Allah* be holding the Referendum on the following dates and times:

Thursday **14th March 2013** {20:30 – 22:30}

Friday **15th March 2013**: 2 Sessions

Salatul Jum'a {11:00 – 14:00}

Salatul Maghrib {19:00- 20:30}

Saturday **16th March 2013** {12:00 – 14:30}

Results of the Referendum will be announced on Saturday 16th March 2013 during the Maulud of Sayyida Zaynab (AS).

B) Referendum Modality

The Referendum is being held to give Members an opportunity to decide whether to stay at the current location (Clifton Road) or move elsewhere.

C) Eligibility

1. All current Members of the Community as well as every person in their respective households who is eligible for membership (as per the current constitution of KSIMC of Birmingham). This includes Ladies; and
2. Widows and Divorcees (whose Spouses were Members of KSIMC of Birmingham) and every person in their households, eligible for membership (as per the current constitution of the KSIMC of Birmingham).

D) Voting Procedures

The Electoral Commissioner and his team will, among others, refer to the Census data for the voting purposes. For those who did not participate in the Census or those whose name/s do not appear in the latest Directory of our Jamaat, they should register at the Jamaat Office by **5th March 2013**.

Votes must be in person. Anybody who is housebound or disabled must register with the Electoral Commissioner, Br Bashir Damji by **5th March 2013**. Please contact Br Bashir Damji on 07595047084 providing your name, contact telephone and address. The Electoral Commissioner will arrange a mutually convenient time to visit the registered voter's house and take the vote in person.

E) Further Information

Prior to the start of the Referendum on 14th March 2013 (Thursday), there will be a short presentation summarizing the options at hand and some additional information that the Building Committee has accumulated over the last few months. For those who will not be able to attend, the Building Committee will try to record and upload the presentation onto the Jamaat's website. Additionally, a Summary Information Pack will be posted to Members prior to the Referendum.

With Salaams and Du'as,

Rizwan Hamer
Secretary General