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Personal Statement of:

For Nomination to the Management Committee/Board of Trustees (delete as appropriate)

Please explain why you wish to be nominated and what **skills and experiences** you will bring into the Management Committee/Board of Trustees. Do not make comments on previous office holders. This section will be made public.

Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem

My name is Rahat Hassan.

I have lived in the Kingston area since 1986 when the Masjid was just the room at the front.

I graduated in Aeronautical Engineering and have worked with BAeSystems from leaving University until I retired. My work as Senior Airworthiness Engineer on Military aircraft projects allowed me to engage with a diverse range of people at senior level. Whilst working I also became a Magistrate and I sit in both the Wimbledon Magistrate Court and Kingston Crown Court. My experiences at BAeSystems and the Courts has given me skills in Understanding, Communication, Judgement, Decision making and working with people at all levels.

If elected, I will commit my time and efforts to the Masjid to make sure that it is respected and engaged with everyone who attends the Masjid and the wider Community. I would also like to welcome our neighbours to feel free and at ease to meet with the Masjid so that they can have a better understanding of Islam and our Community so that we have mutual respect and avoid any conflicts.

With my colleagues and Members of the Masjid I want to help to expand the role our Masjid can play within all our communities. I want to see the Masjid become everyone's centre for learning for children and adults.

We already have excellent ghusal facilities through the generosity of our community, that are recognised and valued by many Muslims outside the Kingston area. I believe it is important for the Masjid to continue to develop by providing facilities and services for our Sisters, our Youth and our Elderly to whom we owe so much.