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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

This document is a user guide and definition of the terms used in the faith community database underlying the Birmingham Faith Community Map.

Public versions of Birmingham faith community map can be downloaded from the Footsteps website.

This User Guide is intended to help enable others to use the Directory, explain its underlying rationale and start identifying how this approach be linked to other data sets and be part of Birmingham's Route to Zero by 2030.

1.2 Sources of Information

The faith community database is a compilation of existing information from different sources combined with some local research and knowledge.

Sources

The main sources of information used are:

- Places of worship registrations listed under the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855 (PoWRA)
- The original faith community map that was on the City Council database but discontinued ten years ago.
- A list of Church of England (CoE) churches in Birmingham (as part of the established church, CoE churches not required to register under the PoWRA)
- Information on mosques available from in the MuslimsInBritain.org website which states that the website contains the definitive directory of mosques and Muslim places of worship in the UK.
- Information provided by regional Christian denominational leaders and offices
- A list of places of worship and community participation groups researched and developed by Sustrans as part of its Clean Air Zone work in central Birmingham.
- Google maps and Google Street view
- Footsteps own research and local knowledge, including prototype community assets maps and Green directories
- Fuel poverty, LSOA and other data has been accessed from the CSE-3D Data Hub.

Disclaimer

The database is largely a compilation and bringing together information from different sources into a single Excel spreadsheet. No guarantee is given to the accuracy of the information and, in particular, whether some places of worship are still in existence. Some of the coding is subjective and requires judgement about the nature of social participation activities.

2 Places of Worship and Social Participation groups and organisations

This Database lists the locations at which communal worship and faith related activities take place. It identifies the nature of these activities, including faith related social participation activities.

Many faith communities worshipping in gurdwaras, mosques, temples and churches are also extensively involved in supporting local communities, improving the natural environment and encouraging moves to low carbon living. Places of worship also host food banks, the provision of meals and other services supporting the elderly and vulnerable that are provided by other 'social participation' organisations.

There is often considerable overlap between the values of these social participation / community organisations and their faith community hosts.

Each entry is categorised in terms of the place and the values as follows:

FBu – Faith Building – Yes (1) / No (0)

Is there a dedicated and recognisable faith building at the location / place (e.g. a mosque, gurdwara, church etc)?

LoW – Acts of worship and services – Yes (1) / No (0)

Does worship (e.g. services, prayers or other spiritual activities) meetings take place the particular location /place?

LFG – Local faith group - Yes (1) / No (0)

Does a named faith group(s) worship at the location /place?

CSI – Community services & interest groups – Yes (1) / No (0)

Is the named local faith group at the location /place involved in wider community services and social participation activities beyond the needs of their own congregation?

If yes, details are on the Faith Social Participation sheet

Location /Place

Post codes / geographic coordinates are used to define position.

Examples are the best way to understand how this categorisation works.

3 POW Categories and coding

3.1 Col 1 – Reference number

This is a unique reference number given to each place of worship and social participation organization included in the list.

3.2 Spare field

Available for internal purposes.

3.3 Source

Where the information for the entry has come from. The main sources are Places of Worship registration act (PoWRA), the list of Church of England churches and the central Birmingham list compiled by Sustrans. These main sources **should not be overwritten** when additional information is added – but not the additional info as, say, /MDMB (Muslim Directory of Mosques in Birmingham) or /T Toqueer local research. The PoWRA capitalization should not be overwritten as it is useful to be able to quickly see what has come from PoWRA and what has been added.

3.4 Faith Group

1 - 9 Buddhist (1) to Scientologists etc (9)

This is used mainly to drive the colour coding on QGIS

3.5 Faith Code

This is the faith / denomination / Used mainly to identify Christian denominations

B_Bud	Buddhist
C_AoG	Christian - Assemblies of God
C_Chr	Christian - Christiadelphian
C_ChS	Christian - Christian Scientists
C_CoE	Christian - Church of England
C_Ecu	Christian - Ecumenical
C_EvF	Christian - Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches
C_EvN	Christian - New Testament Church of God
C_EvO	Christian - Evangelical Other
C_Bap	Christian - Baptist
C_Bre	Christian - Brethren
C_Met	Christian - Methodist
C_Pre	Christian - Presbyterian
C_Qua	Christian - Friends (Quakers)
C_Sal	Christian - Salvation Army
C_Uni	Christian - Unitarians
C_URC	Christian - United Reformed Church & Congregationalists
C_FoC	Fellowship of Churches in Christ
C_Ort	Christian - Orthodox
C_BaC	Association of Black and Carribean Churches
C_CoN	Christian - Church of Nazerene
C_FoC	Christian - Fellowship of Churches in Christ
C_Oth	Christian - Other - Small /denomination unknown

C_CSc	Christian -Scientists
C_Jwi	Christian - Jehovah's Witnesses
C_Mor	Christian - Mormon
C_Spi	Christian Spiritualists
C_SvD	Christian - Seventh Day Adventists
C_PAG	Christian - Assemblies of God
C_PAp	Christian - Apostolic Church
C_PCG	Christian - Church of God
C_PEl	Christian - Elim Pentecostal Church
C_Pns	Christian - Pentecostal not one of above
C_RoC	Christian - Roman Catholic
Hind_	Hindu
IF_Gr	Interfaith & interdenominational groups and initiatives WHO OBJECT TO BE DESIGNATED BY ANY DISTINCTIVE RELIGIOUS APPELLATION
IF_Ob	POWRA)
Jew_J	Jewish
M_	Muslim - Unspecified
M_Oth	Muslim Other
M_Shi	Muslim - Shia
M_Sun	Muslim - Sunni
S_SpO	Spiritualist (other than Christian Spiritualists)
Scie_	Scientology
Sikh_	Sikh

3.6 Mark

This column is used if you want to mark particular entries in the Directory to aid research.

3.7 Name of Building (FBu) and/or Local Faith Group (LFG)

Name by which the faith building or a local faith group is usually known

3.8 Brief Description / Notes

Describe what is associated and part of the entry. e.g. Mosque serving mainly Bangladeshi community. Trussel Trust foodbank CIO. Church with senior citizens club and serving meals.

3.9 Size

Subjective based on following indicators and also in relation to the particular faith.

Large - 500 + congregation, substantial building,

Medium - 50+

Small - <50

This can then be used to filter, say the largest Mosques in Birmingham. (The Muslims in Britain website has the capacity of each Birmingham Mosque in terms of the size of the prayer facilities for men and women.

3.10 FBu – Faith Building – Yes (1 or 9) / No (0)

Is there a dedicated and recognisable faith building at the location (e.g. a mosque, gurdwara, church etc)? A shop or office being rented by a LFG is not a faith building. Use 9 for a faith

building is shared by several local faith groups, for example an ecumenical partnership. Use 1 where a local faith group hires / uses rooms in a faith building and in the Name Code (4.4) above put an @ URN (need to test this on examples e.g. Chinese Methodist Church @ Northfield Methodist Church (338). But Cotteridge Church would have one record for the building and then three separate records for URC, Anglican and Methodist Churches sharing the building)

Additionally:

- .1 House
- .2 Industrial, hospital, university or office type building
- .3 Shop with street frontage type building
- .. or 0 where worship group appears to rent space for services

3.11 LoW – Acts of worship and services – Yes (1) / No (0)

Does worship (e.g. services, prayers or other spiritual activities) meetings take place the particular location?

3.12 LFG – Local faith group - Yes (1) / No (0)

Does a named faith group(s) worship at the location?

(This is the most important code as this provides the list of ‘local faith groups’ for the faith community map and engaging with faith communities. There may be more than one local faith group using the same faith building. A local faith group meeting in, for example, in a rented factory unit would be marked here, although there is no ‘faith building ‘ at the location)

3.13 CSI – Community services & interest groups – Yes (1 or 9) / No (0)

Does the named local faith group appear to provide or host wider community services and social participation activities that go beyond supporting its own congregation?

Use 9 if there are a number of community services and the local faith group / building functions as a community ‘anchor’. There are usually two or three ‘anchors’ in each ward – paces of worship that make a significant contribution in the local community – and not just its own faith community members.

1. Active in Community unspecified		
2. Food	Foodbank, meals	
3. Homeless & Shelter		
4. Health & Well Being	Befriending, Cafes etc	
5. Money Advice	Debt counselling, benefits, advocacy	
6. Environment & Climate Justice	Campaigning, Eco Church, etc	
7. Community	Building local communities	
8. Youth and young adult		
9. Several / Extensive		
0. None identified		

3.14 Address 1

3.15 Address 2

3.16 Address 3

3.17 Post code

3.18 Website

3.19 Contact person

3.20 Phone

3.21 E-mail

3.22 CAZ

Mark if location is in the Birmingham clean Air Zone

3.23 Denomination (POWRA)

This is the faith / denomination self-description on the Places of Worship Registration Act (POWRA) web sites. Its value lies in it being a self-description

3.24 LSOA11

This is the Lower Super Output Level from National Census of Population where the Place of Worship is located. It is obtained from the PoW's postcode

3.25 Priority

% households in LSOA in fuel poverty BEIS April 2020

3.26 Area

For planning health services and other purposes, the wards in Birmingham is divided into 5 groups – E, W, S, N and Central. This is obtained by looking up the list of wards.

3.27 Ward (Col 6)

The Ward where a PoW is located is obtained by looking up the postcode / LSOA.

3.28 EXACT LONG-X (col 9)

Exact Longitude of PoW in most cases obtained from the original Birmingham faith map but have been checked in a research exercise.

3.29 EXACT LAT-Y (col 10)

As above

3.30 Denomination (PoWRA)

Place of worship's self-description on the Places of Worship Registration Act database. (Especially useful for Christian churches)

3.31 Ward

3.32 Latitude

3.33 Longitude

The Ward, Latitude and Longitude of a Place of Worship are found by looking up the postcode on a Project 3D dataset that has this information for each of the 32,000 Birmingham postcodes. These coordinates will be used to put each Place of Worship onto a map and hosted by Birmingham University.