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Improve Newton Annex Prayer Facility

There is not enough space to safely facilitate the required prayer/congregation for Muslims on Friday, nor is the entrance/exit adequate enough to allow people to enter and exit safely during peak times. This is a health and safety issue, as during a fire a stampede and people becoming trapped inside is highly probable.

During the new building works around the Newton Annex, people are also at risk of becoming struck by construction vehicles. Recently there was an incident where someone came very close to getting ran over by a lorry. Many things have gone wrong for this incident to occur but the inadequate prayer facility is definitely a contributing factor. Fortunately the person was not struck as bystanders grabbed them away from danger.

I expect the university to be liable for this issue.